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TRUCK GROWERS HOLD MEET HERE SATURDAY

With 320 acres of truck pledged and 75 of that planted, the Sikeston Truck Growers' Association is well on to a successful season for its initial one. Twenty-five members attended the meeting of the association held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms here Saturday night and heard the report of the progress of the as-[illegible]iat[illegible] far.

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[illegible]Renner spoke of the various [illegible]eases and insect pests and [illegible]hods of combating them.

[illegible] Edwards of Morehouse, [illegible]f the right time to plant the [illegible] and discussed the problems of [illegible]vation and harvesting.

[illegible]is Farhrenkopf, president of the [illegible]ciation gave a short talk giving [illegible]eport on the association and telling of a method of planting beans.

Frank Van Horne, who acted as secretary of the Saturday night meeting read a letter from a tomato buying concern which offered to handle the Scott County tomatoes on the commission plan.

Of the 320 acres pledged 47½ is cucumbers, 46½ tomatoes, 72 sweet corn, 61 cabbage, 27 beans, 15 radishes, 11½ potatoes, 7½ peppers, 5 egg plant, 5 turnips, 5 mustard, 5 spinach, 3 onions, 5 Italian Brocoli, 1 carrots, 1 squash, 1 okra and 1 in beets. While this is the total amount reported to the association it is probable that there is more planted. Also there is some 75 or 100 acres near Morehouse which will probably be marketed thru the local organization.

There are more than thirty members of the association now and probably more will come in.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. HUNTER HELD SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Eliza Hunter of Morehouse, who died at her home Thursday, were held at the Catholic Church in New Madrid Saturday morning and internment was in the Tickell Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunter was 79 years old, she had suffered an attack of flu about eleven weeks ago which had left her in a weakened condition.

She is survived by two sons, Henry and Matt Hunter, both of Morehouse; two brothesr, L. A. Tickell, Sr., of Morehouse and Adolph Tickell of Sikeston, who have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. Hunter was born at New Madrid, January 2, 1849, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Madison J. Tickell, and lived at New Madrid until the death of her father many years ago when she moved to Morehouse, where she has resided since.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 13

Mother's Day occurs on Sunday, May 13, greetings and packages should be mailed early, in time to reach destination and be delivered on Saturday before Mother's Day as ordinary mail is not delivered on Sundays.

Persons desiring Mother's Day mail delivered on Sunday, May 13 should use special delivery stamps on both packages and greetings.

The sentiment and value of mother's greetings are considerably lessened when receivd aftr Mother's Day.

POSTMASTER

MRS. LEWIS DIES

Mrs. J. E. Lewis, 72, mother of Mrs. E. T. Wheatley of Sikeston, died at her home at Horton, Kan., Sunday mornnig. She was the mother of eleven children and had just recently celebrated her fiftieth wedding day anniversary. No details of the time of Mrs Lewis' funeral were received her. Capt. and Mrs. Wheatley left Sikeston for Horton, Sunday.

THANKS THE FIREMEN

I wish to thank the members of the Sikeston Fire Department for their quick response and good work in putting out the blaze at my home last week.

DR. L. B. ADAMS.

We have some Community silver and some odd dishes left we will sell them to you at cost.—SIKES HARDWARE CO.

WEST PLAINS TRAGEDY NOT GAS EXPLOSION

Officials at West Plains emphatically declared Sunday afternoon that the terrific explosion there Friday night which claimed the lives of forty persons was not caused by gasoline fumes. This conclusion was reached after an examination of the gasoline tanks in the garage below the dance hall which was destroyed, were examined and found to be intact and the taps tightly in place. This was the first theory advanced but it is now believed that a giant charge of nitro-glycerine was the cause.

Theories of suicide nad intended revegne on the part of J. W. Wiser, owner of the garage are being investigated.

The town of West Plains was so completely dazed by the tragedy that it had not recovered completely Sunday when visited by a Standard representative. Countless stories of misery and pain were recounted in the telling of the mystery explosion which rocked the entire town and affected nearly every family there.

The dance was a weekly occasion at which the young folks of the best families in the community attended. The dance was nearing its finish when, according to survivors, the floor of the hall suddenly buckeled, followed by a deafening report and in a twinkling the air was full of flying bricks, glass, wood and human bodies. Some of the dancers were thrown clear across the street. In fact, the only survivors were those who were blown clear of the wreckage.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Martin and daughter, Dimple, who were killed in the blast, were known here. Mrs. Marton was a sister of the late J. W. Simms of Morehouse and was the administratrix of his estate.

Charles Alsup, formerly of Sikeston, now of Willow Springs, said that it was the first dance at West Plains which he had missed in four weeks and that he had missed it because Paul Evans, who was killed in the wreck, had failed to call for him for some reason that night.

John Bates, one of the victims, is the son of the Rev. J. F. E. Bates, who was formerly at Bertrand and Chaffee.

Major Bob Mullins, of the 140th Infantry, another victim, was well known here, having been here several times on business in connection with his national guard work and also having attended some of the American Legion dances here.

Rev. J. C. Montgomery, presiding elder of the Cape Girardeau District of the Methodist Church, was in the same building but was not seriously injured. He was attending a conference there.

Many of the funerals of the victims were held in West Plains and other places Sunday and Monday and a community burial will be held for the fifteen unidentified bodies which are still at the undertaking parlors in West Plains today (Tuesday).

Rumors are, of course, running wild in West Plains. One, perhaps with some truth to it, was that J. W. Wiser, owner and manager of the Wiser Motor Company, where the explosion occurred, had met with foul play. His body was exhumed Monday and an examination was made, however, the coroner's jury has adjourned to make further investigations and will re-convene Wednesday, unless called specially by the coroner.

Prosecuting Attorney Richard Greene, who believes the explosion was one of a giant charge of nitroglycerine, has launched a new investigation.

Charles R. Bohrer, foreman of the coroner's jury, who has been making an extended investigation of the affair, would not say definitely that he believed the explosion was due to nitroglycerine, but said that he doubted its being gasoline fumes.

Let us look after your furniture.—SIKES HARDWARE CO.

One of the most delightful bridge luncheons of the early Spring season was given at the home of Mrs. E. C. Matthews Saturday, April 14. The beautiful home was very spring-like with a profusion of spring flowers and each table held a clever basket of spring blossoms. The out-of-town guests who enjoyed this affair were: Mrs. Wm. E. Payne of Ballston, Va., Mrs. Ben Frederick of St. Louis, Mrs. Kesport and Mrs. Dallas Evans of Flint, Mich. Mrs. Evans was formererly Miss Madaline Bergmann of Cape Girardeau and a former teacher in Sikeston.

HAIL INSURANCE ON GROWING CROPS

Loss on crops in Scott County last year totaled a half million dollars.

My company has specialized in writing crop hail insurance for nearly a century, and we pay our losses promptly and without red tape. The cost per acre is so small that it hardly enters into cost of production and it guarantees your investment.

The Season Is Here NOW.

Tomorrow may be too late to act.

HOWARD E. MORRISON

PHONE 8

Room 17 Sikeston Trust Co. Building

SCHOOL BOARD TO NAME LIST OF TEACHERS AT MEET WED.

The Sikeston School Board will meet Wednesday night to attend to routine business and make the appointments for teachers for the coming year Not many changes are expected to be made.

The most important changes to be made are at the High School, where both the present principal, M. L. Granneman and the coach, Herb Moore will leave. Mr. Granneman will enter commercial work and Mr. Moore will continue with teaching and coaching, however, he has not definitely decided just where he will go, several posts having been offered him.

M. C. Cunningham, the prospective new principal, is a graduate of Westminster College at Fulton and has done graduate work at the University of Missouri. He has been principal at King City for the past two years and comes here highly recommended by the head of the school system and people of that place.

Clyde Whitmore, of Nevada, the prospective coach, has been teaching and coaching at Bolivar, Mo., for several years. He is a graduate of the Warrensburg Teachers College.

See us for all kinds of hardware—SIKES HARDWARE CO.

If in need of any kind of Paint or Varnish, see SIKES HARDWARE COMPANY.

C. D. Matthews, Jr. will go to St. Joe Wednesday when bids will be epened and the contract will be let for a bridge across the Missouri river.

Electrified Freshman Masterpiece radio fully equipped, good as new, console model taken in or trade and must sacrifice. $75. Phone 192.—H. C. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and children of Ballston, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton visited at the home of Sam Hodges at Osceola, Ark., Sunday.

S. H. S. TRACK SQUADS IN FIRST CLASS SHAPE FOR MEET HERE FRIDAY

The Sikeston High School track teams, both boys' and girls', will be in top form for the Sixth Annual Inter-County High School Track and Field meet which is to be held at the Fairgrounds Friday. The meet is to satrt promptly at 1:00 o'clock, according to the officials.

Ten or more schools are expected to be here for the meet with either boys' or girls' tams or both. Among them will be Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Poplar Bluff, Cooter, Charleston and Diehlstdat.

Only one boy from each school may enter an event, while two contestants may enter in the girls' events.

The boys who will compete for Sikeston are:

100-yard dash and 220-yard run, Bill Baker.

880yard run, Ernest Robertson.

Shot put and discus, Bean Robinson.

Broad and high jumps, Leonard Watson.

440-yard run, Frank Miller.

Pole vault, Garth Doss.

The relay teams for both the 440 and 880 will be composed of Dick Swaim, Lewis Walker, Frank Miller and Bill Baker.

The girls' team will be more complete with the addition of Margaret Whidden and Gladys Fry, both of whom were out because of measles at the Charleston meet.

The girls' relay team will be composed of Margaret Baker, Margaret Whidden, Nell Littleton and Edna Mount. These four will also run in the dashes for Sikeston.

In the baseball throw, Gladys Fry and Edna Mount will be entered, in the shot put, Gladys Long and Nell Littleton and in the high jump, Littleton and Whidden will compete.

Winners in the boys events will probably enter the State meet at Columbia and in the girls at the Washington University meet in St. Louis in June.

Both Coach Herb Moore, of the boys and Miss Lottie Dover, coach of the girls, are optimistic about the prospects for the two Sikeston teams in the meet here Friday.

We are closing out our Community silver at cost.—SIKES HARDWARE CO.

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Georgia Cox on Kendall Street.

Ice froze on standing water Saturday night with a heavy frost Sunday night. Don't take down your heating stoves for some days to come.

Mrs. Lon Nall and Mrs. D. B. Nall returned Wednesday of last week from Hot Springs, Ark., where they have been for the past three weeks.

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Dennis M. Murphy left here last week for Miami, Fla., where he will visit for about three weeks. He drove to New Orleans and sailed from there for Port Miami Saturday. He will also visit in St. Petersburg.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will hold their regular meeting at the home of Miss Elizabeth Taylor on North Ranney Tuesday evening at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

Bill Baker, Fred Allard and Ray Wedel drove to Paducah, Ky., Saturday. Mr. Wedel remained and was to undergo a major operation there Monday. Ernest Harper and Reginald Potashnick were also visitors in Paducah for the week-end.

Blueprints for the H. J. Welsh funeral home have been received and will be put in the hands of contractors this week, according to Mr. Welsh. The building will be a one-story affair with two 20-foot rooms, one of which will house a splendidly equipped and beautiful mortuary.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS PLAN TO OIL STREETS

The City Council of Sikeston was to have met last night in adjourned session to pass on the appointive offices made by the mayor and to discuss several other important mattres.

A proposition whereby the city is to buy oil for the streets in car lots and place it on the streets with no cost to the property owners other than the cost of the oil was to be brought up. This would include the leveling of the street before the oil is applied. It is a practical plan and will afford some good streets without an excessive cost.

A report on the engineer's plans for Malone Avenue was also expected to have been made.

MISS ANITA WINCHESTER ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT TO DR. JOHN W. STOKES

Miss Anita Winchester, daughter of Mrs. Anna Winchester, announced her engagement here Saturday to Dr. John W. Stokes of Mayfield, Ky., at a surprise party for seven of her close friends which was supposed to have been in honor of Miss Dorothy Lillard.

Miss Winchester is a graduate of the University of Missouri, having received a degree in journalism there in 1927. She also attended Hollis College, Hollis, Va., and Christian College at Columbia, Mo. She is a member of Gamma Phi Delta and Gamma Alpha Chi.

Dr. Stokes is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The wedding date was set for early fall.

When the seven friends of Miss Winchester, Misses Hilma Black, Lottie Dover, Lillian Shields, Martha Gresham, Mildred Stubblefield and Myra Tanner, entered the beautifully decorated Winchester home, they saw cut flowers throughout tne house. There were two tables set in the dining room with centerpieces of American Beauty Roses and Sweet Peas, with rose tapers. On the tables were clever announcements of the engagement in the form of minature newspapers.

MUNY BASEBALL MEETING HELD HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Representatives of at least four baseball teams had announced their intention of being present at the organization meeting of the Municipal Baseball League of Sikeston which was to have been held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 7:30 o'clock last night (Monday). The meeting was called by C. E. Felker, chairman of the Lions' committee on Muny baseball.

It was expected that the league would be organized and four teams admitted, these teams to play twice a week in the evenings. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the movement, furnishing the balls, umpires and scorers.

BURRUS MOTOR COMPANY TO OPEN HERE THIS WEEK

The Burrus Motor Comuany, handling Whippet and Willis-Knight cars will open this week on Center Street in the room next to the postoffice.

J. R. Burrus will operate the company and his son, C. E. Burrus and Henry Comer, who has been connected with the sale of this line in Sikeston for some time, will be with him.

ADMITS FORGERY

John Honey was returned to Sikeston from St. Louis Saturday by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Hayden on a charge of forgery and waived preliminary hearing, pleading guilty before Judge Jos. W. Myers here Saturday afternoon. He was bound over awaiting further action by the Scott County Circuit Court.

Buy your Sporting Goods reasonably at SIKES HARDWARE CO.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Saturday night and Sunday in Jackson with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sheppard.

W. E. (Cousin Ed) Hollingsworth was sworn in as City Collector Monday morning and immediately took charge of his new duties.

S. N. Shepherd, former City Collector, moved his office from the City Hall this week to his store on Malone Avenue, where State automobile, hunting and fishing licenses may be obtained from him.

110 AT MOREHOUSE BOOSTER BANQUET

One hundred and ten persons attended the Boosters Club banquet at the Forest Hotel in Morehouse Thursday night. It was one of the most enthusiastic and spontaneous meetings ever held in there. Men from Sikeston and Canalou were among the invited guests.

A possible come back for Mor[illegible] house through industrial routes [illegible] well as through agriculture w[illegible] denced at the meeting.

William Crumpecker act[illegible] toastmaster. Mayor W. T. [illegible] gave the opening address and [illegible] Denche, G. A. Montgomery, [illegible] Smith of Carrolton, Mo., and Rev. M. A. Massey gave short ta[illegible]

The success of the banquet g[illegible] largely to Mrs. I. H. Dunaway and the ladies of Morehouse, who prepared a delicious spread.

One of the main things brought out at the meeting was the report on the Graham Canning Co. which is a local concern to handle some three or four carloads of tomatoes which will be grown in the vicinity. I. R. Graham of Morehouse is president of the company and the rest of the stockholders are local people.

The Truck Growers' Association reported that 75 or 100 acres had been pledged and would probably be marketed through the Sikeston organization.

The possibility of two industrial plants. a sheet metal and a garment manufacturing concern, locating in Morehouse because of the good labor supply, cheap factory sites and housing facilities, was brought out at the meeting.

It was also suggested that a park be made of the Frisco station plot similar to the one planned here.

William Lowe was elected secretary of the Boosters Club. A president has not been elected as yet.

F. G. Zillman was apponited chairman of a committee on organization, Bryce Edwards on publicity and F. B. Rauch on nominations.

Among the Sikeston speakers were G. B. Greer, Lyle Malone and C. H. Denman.

Mr. Greer in his talk advocated progressiveness but not an insane progressiveness. He pointed out where a community could go too far with its booster work and advised the "watch your step" plan as a method of checking over boosterism.

In an excellent speech Mr. Greer told the members of the Booster Club of his experiences with the farmer and his problems, much as he did at the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet here. He advocated the raising of dairy cattle as a means of making money in the time a farmer would ordinarily waste.

He also spoke of the road program and condemed the useless spending of money to build a double route where a single one would be better.

DEATH OF MR. WHITESIDES

Mrs. Milo Gresham received word of the death of her aged father, Mr. Whitesides at Creal Springs. Ill., Saturdya night. Mr. Whitesides was 86 years of age and had been ill only for about a week. Mr. and Mrs. Gresham, Miss Martha Gresham and Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and children went to Creal Springs, Sunday, to attend the funeral.

I THANK YOU

I wish to thank all of my many friends to whom I owe the winning of the piano in the Sikseton Mercantile Company contest, without them, of course, I could not have won.

VIRGINIA ALSUP.

Call 68 for rates on storing your furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sikes spent the week-end in Poplar Bluff as guests of M. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson.

Mrs. Wallace Applegate and children and Mrs. Emma Kendall spent Sunday in Commerce.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto LeGrand of Benton spent Thursday in Sikeston as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Simlar. Mrs. Joe Rowling, sister of Mrs. LeGrand and Mrs. Rowling's daughter and daughter-in-law and Mrs. Elmo Rourk, all of Charleston, were also guests of Mrs. Simlar and enjoyed the Lotto party held by the ladies of the Catholic church.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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wely handed over the fence because it comes directly from your neighbor's table.

Now, where are how you buy is your affair. And to our mind, a would-be neighbor who interferes in your affairs ceases to be a good neighbor. He's a busy-body.

But may we offer this suggestion? After you've looked through the mail order catalogue, would it be worth while to compare the pictured articles with those right at hand—that you can see and touch and instinctively determine the quality because a neighborly sales person offers you a choice across our counters? Then compare the neighbor's prices with the catalogue quotations plus postage and postal delays? You may be surprised.

It's just a suggestion, from neighbor to neighbor.

The Icicle who is rattling around in Division 10 has some mighty rough spots in his road between New Madrid and Portageville. We feel certain if he had known the editor would have passed over them Sunday, he would have had them in better condition.

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A visit to Wilson, Ark., Sunday afternoon gave us our first view of an ideal little city of some 1200 souls. The entire town is kept as spick and span as any city lawn, with flowers and shrubs galore. It was a wonderful advertisement for a wonderful man, as Lee Wilson owns all of it.

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We can hardly understand the actions of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and Thad Snow for going on record against the $75,000,000 bond issue to immediately finish the road program and give us cross connections. If it cost them any more, it might be different. Mississippi County has nearly every road in that county corrected and might not get much out of the bond issue, by why should they wish to deprive other counties of the good roads they now enjoy? Back up folks and help put this bond issue over.

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"And the green grass grows all around" with plenty of flower beds being planted. According to Al Dailey of the Sikeston Seed Store, more flower seed have been sold in Sikeston this season than in former years which looks like our city will continue to grow more pleasing to the eye.

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Ed P. Crowe, not "Old Crowe" visited The Standard office a short while Saturday morning and caught the editor setting up some heavy editorials on the linotype. He looked as sanctimonious as you please and Simon Loebe says he looks just like he is, except more so.

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No public man in Illinois, soldier, scientist or statesman, not even excepting Abraham Lincoln, has been honored with such a funeral as a Chicago outlaw king received on Wednesday of last week. Scores of trucks were required for the transport of floral offerings to the cemetery. Tens of thousands of people growded about the church and lined the streets, hats in hand, during the funeral hour. Airplanes scattered costly hothouse blossoms over the route as the hearse passed along. The body was buried in a $10,000 casket. United States Senator Deneen honored the funeral with his presence, as did many other office holders who were ambitious to get into the good graces of the outlaw's influential followers. Meanwhile—unwept, unhonorde and unsung—men and women whose lives have been devoted to the gospel of unselfish living are being carried to obscure graves in cheap coffins. And here's where the Judgment Day proves a handy thing, and where the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus should not be overlooked.—Paris Appeal.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Two Good Meetings

Friday night, April 13, 8:00 o'clock, Minner Switch.

Saturday night, April 14, 8 o'clock, Sikeston, Chamber of Commrece rooms.

The County Agent has arranged these meetings in order to bring to the farmers the latest information on community programs of work, and vegetable production.

At the Minner meeting, B. L. Hummel of the Missouri College of Agriculture, will talk on the development of community leaders through an organized program of work.

At the Sikeston meeting, cultivation and insect control of vegetables will be discussed by the County Agent.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Whenever possible sunflowers should be planted north and south. This is to make harvesting more convenient as when the heads become mature, they usually hang towards the east. When they are cut they will fall directly into the wagon box. If the rows are east and west, more difficulties are encountered when harvested. Usualy the fields are laid off in lands so as to permit the driver down the rows and cut the heads as he goes along the standing row. Usually from 10 to 20 rows are taken in the land, the driver also keeping to the east of the standing row. This bit of information was brought out at a meeting held by the County Agent.

Farmers who are interested in the production of wheat should visit the Frank Van Horne farm north of Sikeston and see the tests of various varieties of wheat. One variety of Fulcaster is excellent, while several other varities have winter killed, the same as much of our native wheat. Mr. Van Horne has the names of all varieties and will be glad to explain the tests.

A few farmers are losing baby chicks. Many of these chicks have been posted by the County Agent and found to be affected with coccidiosis. Bloody diarhea is a sure symptom of this disease in very young chicks. The disease can be distinguished from white diarrhea by the fact that the latter usually affects chicks in the first two or three weeks, while coccidiosis appears later. To control coccidiosis a thorough cleaning up of the droppings and the spraying of the floors and ground with a strong disinfectant are measure of first importance in the prevention of this disease. All grounds should be plowed and spaded and seeded to a growing crop. Sprinkle freshly alslake lime all over the premises.

The best method of controlling disease in chicks is cleanliness. This means that the brooder house, feed and water containers should be cleaned often and thoroughly. Should disease break out, it is advisable to change the litter each day.

If the following suggestion are carried out the mortality of baby chicks will be greatly reduced, according to County Agent Renner.

When the weather will permit, get the chicks outside the brooder house in contact with the direct rays of the sun. Do not permit them to become chilled.

Even distribution of light over the floor discourages "crowding" in the day time.

Crowding may be avoided by maintaining the right temperature. Usually the temperature can be reduced about five to seven degrees each week until it has been lowered to 80 degrees farhrenheit.

It is advisable to round off the corners of the brooder house with hardware cloth or fine poultry netting.

A small temporary yard in front of the brooder house made of fine poultry netting will prevent young chicks fro mstraying and becoming chilled or lost.

Toe picking and feather pulling habits may be avoided by keeping the chicks busy while confined to the brooder house. These habits seldom develop when the chicks are given free range.

Plenty of brightly cured alfalfa, clover or soybean leaves should be provided for litert.

Remove litter when it becomes damp—once or twice per week.

Segregate immediately any sick chicks.

Do not overcrowd the brooder house. 350 to 400 chicks in a 10'x12' house is enough.

Provide one linear foot of outdoor hopper space for every ten to twelve chicks when chicks have access to free range.

Supply daily chick feed, oyster shell and water or milk.

Chicken manure or poultry refuse is a source of infection and should be kept at least one-fourth mile from the chick range.

Keep pthe brooder house, water and milk containers clean. The lack of cleanliness may cause a heavy mortality.

The following report was received by County Agent Renner relative to the boll weevil situation in the South:

The annual examinations of moss conducted by the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, for 1928, to determine the survival of boll weevils in hibernation, have been completed. In addition to the examinations made by the Bureau of Entomology, similar ones, included in this report, were carried out at three different points in Texas by Dr. F. L. Thomas of the Texas State Experiment Station. The examinations in South Carolina were made in co-operation with the South Carolina State Experiment Station.

As in past years, these examinations have been made only Spanish moss and the findings are recorded in live weevils per ton of moss. The records from 1913 to 1928 are given in the following tabulation:

Year		Live weevils per ton of moss
1915		10.0
1916		24.0
1917		8.0
1918		1.7
1919		4.0
1920		9.5
1921		22.0
1922		127.0
1923		19.0
1924		0.5
1925	(Northern Louisiana)	0.6
1925	(Southern Louisiana)	31.0
1925	(Louisiana, State Av.)	6.0
1925	(Georgia and South Carolina)	310
1926	(Northern Louisiana)	0
1926	(Southern Louisiana)	243.0
1926	(Louisiana, State Av.)	43.0
1926	(Georgia)	2.0
1926	(South Carolina)	7.0
1927	(Northern Louisiana)	4.0
1927	(Southern Louisiana)	70.0
1927	(Louisiana, State av.)	15.7
1927	(South Carolina)	0
1928	(Northern Louisiana)	1.0
1928	(Southern Louisiana)	365.1
1928	(Louisiana, State av.)	65.9
1928	(Alabama)	45.2
1928	(South Carolina)	21.1
1928	(South Carolina)	21.1
1928	(Texas)	74.5

The most intensive examinations have been made in northeastern Louisiana. In Madison Parish, in the vicinity of Tallulah, examinations were made at eight points; in Concordia Parish, at two points; in East Carrol Parish, at two points; and in Richland Parish, at two points. The figures from these 14 points are averaged to give the survival for northeastern Louisiana. Figures from records taken at four points in the vicinity of Opelousas, Washington and Lafayette, Louisiana, are given for the Southern Louisiana average. In Alabama figures from three points near Selma, Jackson and Montgomery were averaged to obtain that record. Records were made at four points in the vicinity of Valdosta, Bainbridge and Donalsonville and the figures averaged for Georgia. In South Carolina records were made at several points near Florence and Bamberg and the figures averaged for South Carolina. All examinatoins, with the exception of those in Texas, were made from February 21 to March 10. Those in Texas were made in January 14, 15 and 20 and February 24.

Temperatures, with the exception of a few days in early January, have been comparatively mild during the past winter. It will be recalled that conditions, generally speaking, were favorable in most sections for a large number of weevils entering hibernation last fall.

In considering hte records in northeastern Louisiana, it should be remembered that most of this area was included in the Mississippi River overflow during the season of 1927 and that in some sections very little cotton was planted. These records htus represent primarily the after-effect of the overflow rather than winter mortality. Although the figures presented above are indicative of the percentage of weevil survial, it is recognized that the examinations were made at an insufficient number of points to give figures from which accurate conclusions may be drawn for the entire Cotton Belt.

GOLGOTHA

The Son of God comes down the street
With burdened heart and aching feet,
Enroute to where Golgotha's rise
Should see a cross lift toward the skies.
Ah, there alas! He stumbles down
Disturbs that mot of thorns, a crown
Tho' some assist, the journeys long
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To where His word should be fulfilled,
A common place where thieves were killed.
Submitted He to such a plan
That He might save us, sinful man.
When almost crazed with grief and pain,
Lifted up His voice while on that tree,
And cried, My God and then again,
My God, why hast thou forsaken me?
And then His spirit took its flaght on high
To where our God had heard that awful cry
And in that Holy Fathers loving breast
That chastened spirit found completest rest.
For a little while it rested pure and sweet
And then to earth, to prove a victory complete
Still clothed in flesh, reveals Himself and then,
His mission o'er, the Holy Ghost is sent to comfort sinful man.

—Minnie Sayers Smith.

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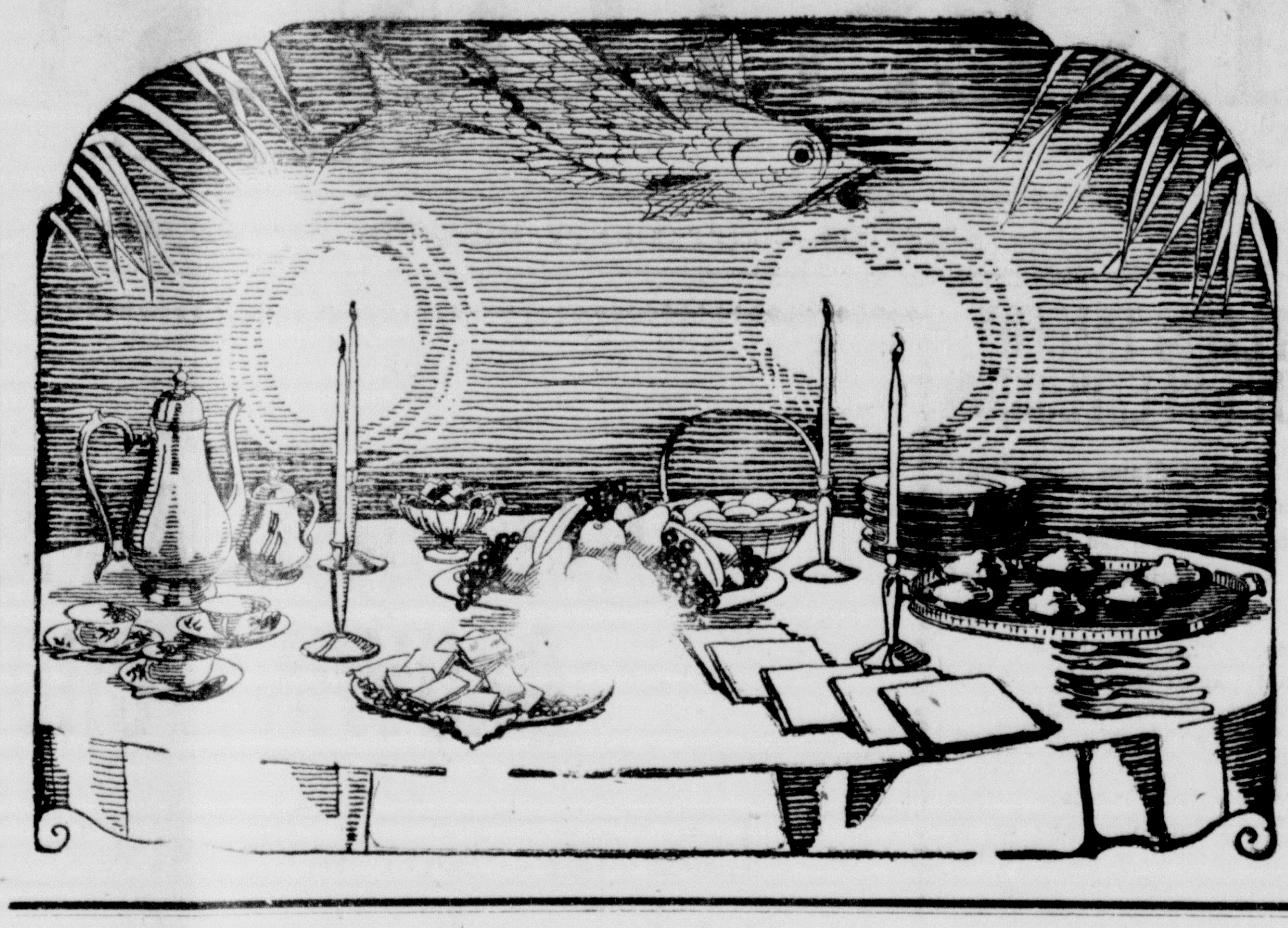
Aces	12	15	2
Matthews	4	8	4



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ARTICLE NO. 36

If one side has won the first game what are the mathematical odds that it will also win the rubber game? This question has been the source of argument wherever auction players gather, but the mathematicians are all of one mind. They claim that the side which has won the first game has a three-to-one chance to win the rubber game. That fact is undoubtedly true and can be proven as actual computation if doubted by any of our readers. Such proof, however, should extend over a large number of rubbers; otherwise it would not be a fair test.

This three-to-one chance to win the rubber, however, holds true, only before the cards are dealt for the deal. When these cards are dealt and one side or the other is sure of game, the odds change of course. The side which has won a game has won a game has another game hand is certain to win the rubber. If it is certain to win the rubber. If it has a chance to take a penalty, it must choose between the certain rubber and a penalty with the knowledge that if it takes the penalty it still has a three-to-one chance to win the rubber. If, however, the side which is a game behind picks up a sure game hand, the odds against it disappear and its chance of winning the rubber are now exactly even if it chooses to take its sure game.

The odds considered are theoretical only and intended as a guide before the cards are dealt. After they are dealt and the side a game behind has a game hand, it should realize that in taking the penalty it is giving up not only a sure game but also an even chance for the rubber and not a one-to-three chance.

These are the main points to consider at any time and the practical way to take advantage of the mathematical fact that the side winning the first game has a three-to-one chance to win the rubber game.

In a preceding article it was pointed out that a player should not assist his partner's suit bid unless he held the probability of at least four tricks with that suit as trump. If he held five tricks, he could raise twice and so on. To do so, he should also hold at least three small trumps or two to a high honor. The tricks required could be either aces and kings, or trump strength, or the ability to trump a short or missing suit. The following hands were given as examples. Your partner is the dealer, bids one spade and second hand bids two hearts. Should you raise your partner's bid and. if so, how many times?

Hand No. 1
Hearts—K, 10, 9. 7
Clubs—A, 8, 4
Diamonds—9, 7, 3
Spades—8, 5, 2

Hand No. 2
Hearts—10, 9, 7
Clubs—A, 7, 6, 2
Diamonds—K, Q, 4, 3
Spades—7. 6

Hand No. 3
Hearts—none
Clubs—K, 7, 4, 2
Diamonds—A, 10, 7, 3, 2
Spades—J, 10, 8, 7

Hand No. 4
Hearts—7
Clubs—K, Q, 7, 3, 2
Diamonds—A, 8, 5
Spades—8, 7, 5, 3

Analysis: With Hand No. 1, the player should pass. There is not the probability of four tricks in the hand when spades are trumps, so the hand does not contain a sound raise.

With Hand No. 2, the player should pass. The hand contains enough quick trick strength to justify a raise but it contains only two small spades and is, therefore, not strong enough for a raise.

With Hand No. 3, the player can raise at least twice. It contains quick trick strength and four trumps. These trumps can be used in trumping the heart suit, so the hand contains at least five, possibly six tricks with spades as trumps.

With Hand No. 4, the player can raise at least twice. It contains more qucik trick strength than Hand No. 3, and the same number of trumps. Thees trumps however, are not so valuable as in Hand No. 3 because Hand No. 4 contains one heart. The hand, however, should be worth at least five, and possible six tricks with spades as trumps.

Problem Hand No. 1
Hearts—K, 9, 8, 7, 5
Clubs—K, 9, 5, 3
Diamonds—none
Spades—Q, 8, 5, 2

Y
A B
Z

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump A and Y passed, B douzled and Z passed. A bid two hearts, Y passed and B bid three diamonds. If Z passed, what should A now bid?

Analysis: A should bid three spades. B's double of one no-trump indicated that he was prepared for a spade bid. A bid the heart suit, in preference to the spade, because he held five hearts and only four spades. When B bid three diamonds, however, he indicated that he didn't want the heart bid. He must, therefore, be prepared for the spade bid. In the actual hand, A bid three spades and scored four odd. Be on the lookout for such hands, as very frequently you can get better results on your second bid in answer to an informatory doublethan you do on your first.

Problem Hand No. 2

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—J. 9, 8, 7, 5, 2
Clubs—7
Diamonds—A, K, 7
Spades—A, 10, 5

No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one heart, and A doubled. If Y passed, what should B do?

Analysis: B should pass. He has a fine hand and six headts, so should fele confident of defeating the one heart bid. Don't be afraid to pass an informatory double of one, either in a suit or no-trump, if you think you can defeat the bid. Big penalties are frequently obtained in this way. In the actual hand, B passed and defeated the one heart bid by two tricks —200 points.

Problem Hand No. 3
Hearts—5
Clubs—7
Diamonds—10, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 2
Spades—Q, 10, 7, 6

No score, rubber game Z dealt. bid one no-trump and A doubled. If Y passed. what should B bid?

Analysis: B should bid two diamonds. As a general rule, the spade suit should be preferred to a minor suit in answer to an informatory double, but not in a case where the hand contains seven diamonds and only four spades. If A should overbid two diamonds with two no-trump or two hearts or three clubs, B should then bid three spades. Such bidding would indicate exactly four spades and six or more diamonds.

Problem Hand No. 4
Hearts—K, 10, 8, 4
Clubs—7, 2
Diamonds—9, 7, 3
Spades—8, 7, 4, 2

No score, first game. Z dealt, bid one club, A bid one spade and Y and B passed. Z doubled and A bid two spades. Y and B passed and Z doubled. If A passed, what should Y bid?

Analysis: Y should bid three hearts. Z's double under the conditions set forth show that he is prepared for a bid of three diamonds or three hearts, if his partner has at least four in either suit. If not, he should bid four clubs, unless in his opinion the two spade bid can be defeated. In this hand, Y has four hearts to the king and no chance to defeat the two spade bid. Therefore he must bid three hearts.

JESUS THE MAN

I can see the lowly Jesus.
Moving in His work each day.
Perfect pattern placed before us
Helping on His heavenward way.
Cleaving close to criminal crosses
Knowing full His fate would be,
Noting naught but heavenly losses
Did He weaken? No, not He.
Grief endures, in injure tosses,
There in old Gethesmane.
Friends forget Him, needful most
God-like, gazing on that host
Weary, world worn, willful men,
He forgave htem, even then.
On that awful tree suspended
With those wicked nails pierced thru,
(Criminals were with ropes appended)
(Ignominny was His, too)
Dying thus thinking of you,
"Father forgive, they know not what they do".

—Minnie Sayers Smith.

The Maine hen that laid 303 eggs in a year must believe that a cackle a day keeps the hatchet away.—Virginian-Pilot.

Wood ashes, because of the content of potash and lime are of use as fertilizer. The commercial value of wood ashes usualy depends more on their content of potash than of lime, but nearly all contain enough lime to warant their being considered among liming materials. Wood ashes are frequently scattered on the home garden and have a good effect in improving the condition of the soil.

TWO SYSTEMS OF SECURING MORE FOOD FROM THE ACRE

Farmers have two general ways of increasing the yields of crops on their lands, according to Dr. R. O. E. Davis, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who makes the division on methods according to whether they do or do not increase the cost per acre of raising crops. An example of a cropping method that tends to increase yields without increasing costs of production is the planting of crops better adapted to the type of soil on the farm, for example, the seeding of alsike clover on lands which have not produced good crops of alfalfa or red clover because of acid soil. Rotation of crops with frequent planting of legumes is another method of increasing yields without increasing costs per acre. Still another is the use of varieties of the crops which have been improved by plant breeding. These, Doctor Davis points out, are naturally the first aids to which the farmer is likely to turn in an egort to get more productoin from his farm. Any increase in production is to a large extent net profit.

The methods of the other class involve increased costs per acre of crop. For example, better weed control gives commercial plants a better chance in competition with the weeds, but it costs money or effort. The same applies to more thorough preparation of the seed bed and more thorough cultivation. A third and increasingly important method is the use of commercial fertilizer, which means a direct expenditure of money. In this class of improved farming methods the increased yield is not net profit. Before a farmer will turn to such methods he must be convinced or convince himself that the increased yield as the result of better cultivation or use of fertilizer will return the added expense and leave a profit over and above the added expense of growing the crop.

That farmers in following one or another or several of such methods have increased yields per acre seems to be evident from figures of the number of acres of improved land per capita, which in the decade from 1880 to 1890 was 5.7, and which declined to 4.8 acres per cappita in 1920.

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By EDNA PURDY WALSH

Adhesive Tape for Picture Frames

ASIDE from the hairpin, it is doubtful if any one other household article is as useful and versatile as adhesive tape. When all its medical and surgical uses are mentioned there are still other uses, such as picture framing, to be filled by adhesive tape. After the tape has been placed on the glass and picture, it can be tinted a neutral tint to harmonize with the room. By careful fitting of the corners a neat piece of work is secured.

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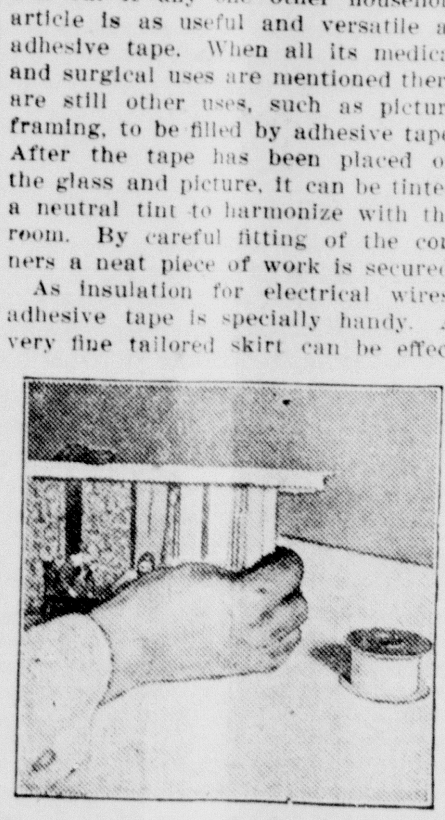

tively hemmed without a seam by applying adhesive tape underneath, and pressing with a hot iron. Golf clubs, tennis rackets, and even the tops of children's rubbers can be mended with it. A slipping heel of a summer pump is easily remedied by a small strip of adhesive.

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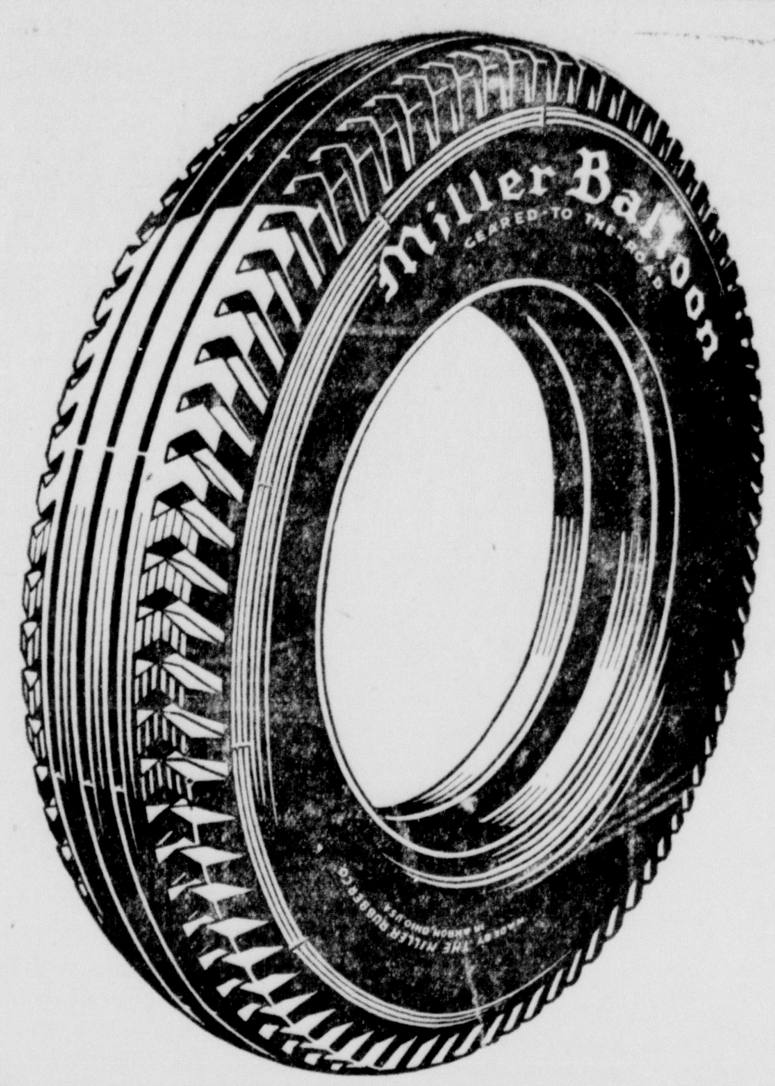

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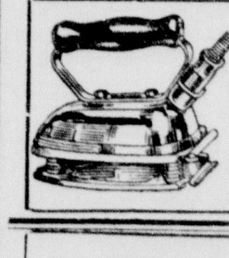

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We want to tell you a story that must not happen again. Once upon a time there was a small boy brought to the Emergency Hospital a distance of some fifteen miles to undergo a major operation. His condition was serious. With him was his father and mother who were in financial distress, so much so they could not spend the night in Sikeston to be near the boy who was near death. It made it necessary for them to return to their home for the night and come back early the next morning. The operation was a success and the chances are the boy will recover. It is doubtful if the hospital authorities will get even the expenses of the nurses, let alone anything for their expert services, but they saved the life of a human being—one of us. Sikeston has a number of civic organizations as well as church societies and it looks to us like some of them should stand by and act as the big brother in just such a case as the above and see that a bed in which to sleep can be had without driving the long distance home and back. The Standard editor wishes the hospital authorities to know that he stands ready to take care of such cases in the future and will be glad to do so.

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"It is with sincere regret that we learn that our old friend Charlie Blanton foundered himself on hamhock recently, not being able to determine his capacity for food. And the sorrow is the more because there has been chicken daily at his house and he is unable to partake thereof. Next time get neck-bones, Charlie, or ears or tails, one of our favorite dishes.—Charleston Times.

It was not quite so bad as all that, Simon. It was the price of the chicken that upset us.

Great wads and gobs of money is sent away every year from every community to save the heathen in foreign lands without much thought of the heathen at home. Some of these days an uprising of the good people of the land will come about to curb lawlessness and make an attempt to save our own heathen. The first step will be to get right ourselves and show the public that we are living just that way and then we can begin to show the home-heathen that we are right and they must get right or move. Law breakers have little fear and no respect for the preachings of a man who gambles for money, buys the liquor the bootlegger has to sell, and cuddles the soiled doves after the sun goes down. But they do respect the man or woman who lives the life they are preaching. We hope to see the day when this missionary money is used to organize at home and show we home heathen the error of our way.

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The Standard columns have been shy on politics for some time for the reason the editor hasn't as yet "found" himself. Nationally, we are for Al Smith for president as he has proven his worth as governor of New York. As president he would have the same co-operation of all factions as he would advocate the things that would be for the benefit of the people as a whole. Our Jim Reed has done nothing in the twelve years as Senator that anyone can recall and would enter the White House with a big stick that would spell co-operation with neither the Senate or House and he would be handicapped in giving relief anywhere. In the State we shall support the nominee for Governor with what strength we might have. For the Senate we are for Hay and don't care who knows it. We don't like the looks of Collet's following as it bears the earmarks of Jim Reed, a man we have heretofore refused to vote for, and at this time we are not committing ourself one way or the other in case Collet beats Charlie Hay to the nomination. It would be party suicide to our way of thinking to not nominate Hay after his wonderful assistance to Harry B. Hawes and we can't even see where there is a chance to beat him for the nomination.

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Those who argue that the Ku Klux Klan is dead probably have given no thought to recent attacks on Governor Al Smith by Senator Watson of Indiana. Watson was attorney for Stephenson, the Ku Klux leader who is now serving a life sentence for outraging a helpless girl and then driving her to suicide. Senator Watson came into power when the Indiana Klan was monarch of all it surveyed. We have no doubt but that his villainous attempts to besmirch Governor Smith were inspired by hatreds he imbibed for Catholics under Klan teachings. But if Watson alone were involved in that attack it might be passed over as a mere outbreak from an insignificant source. All over the nation, however, it has been seized upon as political capital by newspapers and speakers in Watson's party. They used it to all possible advantage in efforts to direct public attention from their own corruptionists to an innocent man, thus giving aid and comfort to the Klan in its effort to bring on another era of religious proscription.—Paris Appeal.

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Work the butter for sandwiches to a cream, but do not melt it. Cut the bread into thin even slives. If you are going to trim off the crusts, do not butter too near them. Bread for sandwiches is best when about 24 hours old.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., April 8.—There are approximately eight million workers out of employment now in the United States, according to figures submited to the Senate by Senator Henrik Shipstead, of Minnesota, a few days ago. Senator Shipstead called the attention of the Senate and the country to the misleading statement as to unemployment made to the Senate by Secretary of Labor Davis in an official communication to that body. Secretary Davis quoted Ethelbert Stewart, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, as saying the number of unemployed at this time is 1,874,059. What Commissioner Stewart reported was that the number of people idle had increased by 1,874,050 since 1925. Adding this total to the shrinkage in employment from 1920 to 1925, Senator Shipstead finds that approximately eight million are now idle who were employed in 1920, the last year of the Wilson administration.

Further refutation of the Coolidge administration claims of general prosperity is found in the latest report on commercial failures made by R. G. Dun & Co. For the week ending March 29, Dun's report showed a total of 548 business failures in the country, an increase of 80 over the number in the preceding week and of 54 over the number of failures during the corresponding week of 1927. In Canada, the number of failures for the same week covered showed a decrease compared with the same week of 1927.

Former Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes declined to make the keynote speech at the Kansas City G. O. P. Convention. He once defended Newberry and Newberryism, but doesn't care to tackle the task of defending the Teapot Dome Oil Lease, nor the Washington Naval Conference of which he was the chief figure, as a result of which three hundred million dollars worth of first-class American battleships were scrapped. He prefers to leave such thankless jobs to somebody with a thicker hide. So it is that Senator Simeon D. Fess, of Ohio, has been chosen. Undoubtedly, one of the qualifications of the Ohio Senator for the delicate task of "keynoting" is his confessed willingness to tell, when necessary, things that are not entirely true. Not long ago, on the floor of the Senate, Senator Fess admitted that in an interview he gave newspaper men he told "what was not true, in order to get it across". As it will be necessary in "keynoting" at the Kansas City Convention, to either evade a lot of damning truths about the record of the last seven years or say "what was not true", Senator Fess is the ideal man for the job.

The stand of Secretary Mellon and his chief, President Coolidge, on tax reduction, as outlined by the former to the Senate Finance Committee, is inconsistent. Either the prosperity of which they boast does not exist, or the Treasury can stand a tax reduction in the amount Democrats are urging, nearly $300,000,000. In another respect, the President and Secretary of the Treasury are inconsistent. They strongly oppose the repeal of the automobile tax, as provided in the House Bill, passed by Democrats and independent Republicans, because they say the Treasury cannot stand the loss of the money derived from that tax, but in almost the same breath urge repeal of the estate tax. Democrats favor the automobile tax repeal, because it is a tax on transportation and affects twenty million automobile owners, who pay the tax. On the other hand, the estate tax reaches only very large estates, and is a relatively light tax at that. Secretary Mellon is certainly open to the charge of inconsistency when he urges that the automobile tax must be retained because the Treasury needs the money, and at the same time argues that the Treasury can get along without the estate tax, in which only very wealthy persons are interested. Also, the President and Secretary of the Treasury are wrong when thy say it is the automobile industry that is most interested in the motor tax repeal. It is a sales tax, added to the pprice of the car and and is paid by the purchaser. The manufacturer does not absorb a penney of it. It is a consumers' tax, not a tax on a large industry, which may explain Mr. Mellon's opposition opposition to its repeal.

CLAIMING AND CONCEDING

With the decline of the cross-word puzzle, its place bids fair to be taken by tables showing the votes for President in the Electoral College. Every political manager has his little list of them, ready to produce from his vest pocket in order to surprise and overpower an opponent in argument. It is an old and favorite game at about this time of year in the Presidential campaign, but a rather astonishing variation has been introduced into it during its present revival.

What we mean is indicated in the Washington dispatches reporting the rival claims of the champions of Governor Lowden, as against those of Secretary Hoover. Each asserts that their man is the only one who can defeat Governor Smith. Both allege that the other Republican candidate would be certain to go down before the Governor of New York. Thus Representative Dickinson of Iowa, speaking for Lowden, thinks it will help his cause to assert, with an electoral table to prove it, that Gov. Smith would surely beat Mr. Hoover, so that the only Republican hope lies in nominating Governor Lowden. On the other hand, Representative Newton of Minnesota, a Hoover supporter, exactly reverses this contention and attempts to demonstrate by arithmetic of his own that Governor Lowden will be absolutely hopeless against Smith, and that Secretary Hoover remains the sole dependence of the Republican Party in the contest with the Democrats, if Governor Smith is nominated.

These are surprising claims, but still more astonishing concessions. The leaders of both Republican factions start out by admitting that Gov. Smith will be almost invincible in the East. They give him without a murmur New York, New Jersey, Massachusettes, Connecticut and Rhode Island. This is cretainly a new tune to be played on the Republican organ. Where are those grand rolling notes of other years, to the effect that any Republican can beat any Democrat, and that it is absurd to talk of "doubtful" States after the majestic Republican march to victor gets under way? Looking back at the crashing Republican majorities of 1924 in the States now meekly conceded to Governor Smith, one can only wonder at the change which has come over the spirit of the Republican dream. It is an extraordinary departure from the old attitude of "claiming everything." Here we have the spectacle of the Republican ploitical chess masters siting down to play with Governor Smith and making him a present of six or eight of the most important pieces before beginning! They may yet recover their courage, but they are exhibiting themselves to the country as in a blue funk, before the real struggle opens.—New York Times.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

Floyd C. Shoemaker

One of the most significant and far-reaching legislative accomplishments in the history of Missouri was the passage of the Public Service Commission bill in the 47th General Assembly. The bill, which was approved on March 27, 1913, became effective on April 15 and was an elaboration and outgrowth of the existing Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commisioners. This earlier Board, which had existed from 1875, reached out but one great public utility and that not very effectively.

The growth of public utilities and rise in importance during the last two decades of the 19th century had presented problems in Missouri and over the nation which were not being solved by existing governmental agencies and practices. "The outstanding one, of course, was railroad rate regulation services and finances; the other ones related to the scores of embryo giant industries just emerging in the fields of gas, water, light, stret cars, heating. water power, telephone and telegraph. The legislature sought to solve the railroad rate question in Missouri by maximum legislative rates in 1905 and 1907, but Federal injunction was applied, besides other public utilities were largely uncontrolled and unregulated.

In 1907 Governor Folk in a special message urged that the municipalities be given the right to regulate directly their public service corporations although he stated that he would sign a bill giving such power to a State commission. The legislature responded by giving Missouri cities of the first class only this right. In his inaugural message of 1909 Governor Hadley came out strongly for an expert, appointive State commission and agai nin a special message of that year urged its creation. Nothing was accomplished, however, and Governor Hadley returned to the need of such a body in his 1911 biennial message and in his farewell message of 1913. In the latter year Gov. Major stressed the matter in his inaugural message and after several months of consideration the Public Service Commission act was passed and approved.

The scope of service of the Public Service Commission covers all public utilities. Upon the development of motor busses, it became necessary to amend the original law passed in 1913 by a Motor Bus Law, which became effective on July 5, 1927. The Commission now has under its jurisdiction a vast number of services, which could be grouped under the following headings: railroads, street railroads, electric and gas companies, telephone and telegraph companies, water companies, moto rbuses and other public utilities. (Interstate utilities do not come under this State Commission).

The Supervision of the above includes examination of all services considered, not only with respect to adequacy and security, but to their compliance with provisions of the law of the Commisison and charter requirements. The commission also controls rates, and this is one of its most important and and technical duties. This, however, does not apply to municipally owned water plants wihtin the city limits. The Commission also appraises and supervises all issuance of bonds by such comparations when same are not payable within one year.

The general public has come to regard the Commission as a buffer standing between it and the corporation, through which it can appeal for a reasonable and unbiased adjustment of difficulties. The Commission gives hearing to all cases presented, preferably in Jefferson City, but where this is not possible, in the vicinity of the complaint. The extent of its work may be gauged by the fact that during the 1925-192 biennium, there were 838 formal complaints filed, and in the same period, 577 informal cases, which are handled by correspondence and conference.

The Commission is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor, one of whom is designated as chairman. The office is in Jefferson City where the Commissioners are required to reside.

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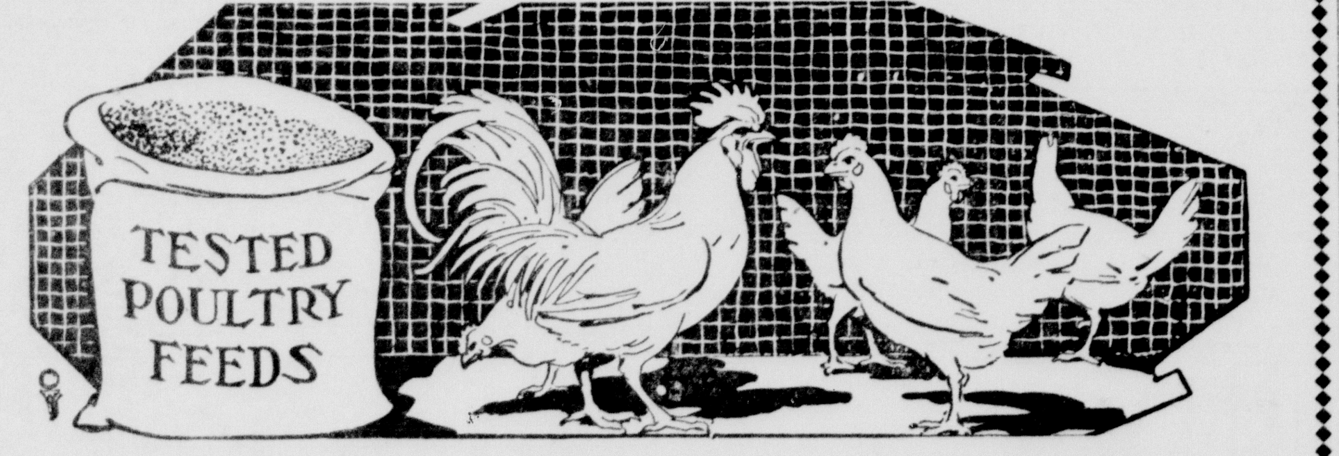

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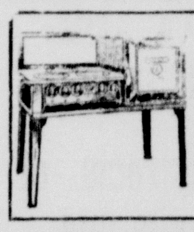

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CHAPTER X

The Hidden Room

A few moments later Jack Bailey, seeing a thin glow of candle-light from the attic above, and hearing Lizzie's protesting voice, made his way up there. He found them in the trunk-room, a dusty, dingy apartment lined with high closets along the walls—the floor littered with an incongruous assortment of attic objects—two battered trunks, a clothes hamper, an old sewing machine, a broken-backed kitchen chair, a pair of dilapidated dress-suitcases and a shabby satchel that might once have been a woman's dressing-case—in one corner a grimy fireplace in which, obviously, no fire had been lighted for years.

But he also found Miss Cornelia holding her candle to the floor and staring at something there.

"Candle-grease!" she said, sharply, staring at a line of white spots by the window. She stooped and touched the spots with an exploratory finger.

"Fresh candle-grease! Now who do you suppose did that? It leads straight to the fireplace!" she murmured in tones of Sherlockian gravity. Bailey repressed an involuntary smile. But her next words gave him genuine food for thought.

"It's been going through my mind for the last few minutes that no chimney flue runs up this side of the house!" she said.

Bailey stared. "Then why the fireplace?"

"That's what I'm going to find out!" said the spinster grimly. She started to rap the mantel, testing it for secret springs.

"Jack! Jack!" It was Dale's voice, low and cautious, coming from the landing of the stairs.

Bailey stepped to the door of the trunk room.

"Come in," he called in reply. "And lock the door behind you."

Dale entered, turning the key in the lock behind her.

"Where are the others?"

"They're still searching the house. There's no sign of anybody."

"They haven't found—Mr. Anderson?"

Dale shook her head. "Not yet."

She turned toward her aunt. Miss Cornelia had begun to enjoy herself once more.

Rapping on the mantelpiece, poking and pressing various corners and sections of the mantel itself, she remembered all the detective stories she had ever read and thought, with a sniff of scorn, that she could better them. She rapped on the wall above the mantel—exactly—there was the hollow echo she wanted.

"Hollow as Lizzie's head!" she said triumphantly. The fireplace was obviously not what it seemed—there must be a space behind it unaccounted for in the building plans. Now what was the next step detectives always took. Oh, yes—they looked for panels; panels that moved. And when one shoved them away there was a button or something. She pushed and pressed and finally something did move. It was the mantelpiece itself, false grate and all, which began to swing out into the room, revealing behind a dark, hollow cubbyhole, some six feet by six—the hidden room at last!

"Oh, Jack, be careful!" breathed Dale, as her lover took Miss Cornelia's candle and moved toward the dark hiding place. But her eyes had already caught the outlines of a tall iron safe in the goom, and in spite of her fears, her lips formed a wordless cry of victory.

But Jack Bailey said nothing at all. One glance had shown him that the safe was empty.

The tragic collapse of all their hopes was almost more than they could bear. Coming on top of the nerve-racking events of the night, it left them dazed and directionless. It was, of course, Miss Cornelia who recovered first.

"Even without the money," she said, "the mere presence of this safe here, hidden away, tells the story. The fact that some one else knew and got here first cannot alter that."

But she could not cheer them. It was Lizzie who created a diversion. Lizzie who had bolted into the hall at the first motion of the mantelpiece outwards, and who now with equal precipitation came bolting back. She rushed into the room, slamming the door behind her, and collapsed into a heap of moaning terror at her mistress' feet. At first she was completely inarticulate, but after a time she muttered that she had seen "him" and then fell to moaning again.

The same thought was in all their minds, that in some corner of the upper floor she had come across the body of Anderson. But when Miss Cornelia finally quieted her and asked this, she shook her head.

"It was the Bat I saw," was her astounding statement. "He dropped through the skylight out there and ran along the hall. I saw him, I tell you. He went right by me!"

"Nonsense," said Miss Cornelia, briskly. "How can you say such a thing?"

But Bailey pushed forward and took Lizzie by the shoulder.

"What did he look like?"

"He hadn't any face. He was all black where his face ought to be."

"Do you mean he wore a mask?"

"Maybe. I don't know."

She collapsed again, but when Bailey, followed by Miss Cornelia, made a move toward the door, she broke into frantic wailing.

"Don't go out there!" she shrieked. "He's there, I tell you. I'm not crazy. If you open that door, he'll shoot."

But the door was already open and no shot came. With the departure of Bailey and Miss Cornelia, and the resulting darkness due to their taking the candle, Lizzie and Dale were left alone. The girl was faint with disappointment and strain; she sat huddled on a trunk, saying nothing, and after a moment or so Lizzie roused to her condition.

"Not feeling sick, are you?" she asked.

"I feel a little queer."

"Who wouldn't, in the dark here, with that monster loose somewhere near by?" But she stirred herself and got up. "I'd better get the smelling salts," she said heavily. "God knows I hate to move, but if there's one place safer in this house than another, I've yet to find it."

She went out, leaving Dale alone. The trunk room was dark, save that now and then as the candle appeared and reappeared the doorway was faintly outlined. On this outline she kept her eyes fixed, by way of comfort, and thus passed the next few moments. She felt weak and dizzy and entirely desparing.

Then—the outline was not so clear She had heard nothing, but there was something in the doorway. It stood there, formless, diabolical, and then she saw what was happening It was closing the door. Afterward she was mercifully not to remember what came next; the figure was perhaps intent on what was going on outside, or her own movements may have been as silent as its own. That she got into the mantel room and even partially closed it behind her is certain, and that her description of what followed is fairly accurate is borne out by the facts as known.

The Bat was working rapidly. She heard his quick, nervous movements; apparently he had come back for something and secured it, for now he moved again toward the door. But he was too late; they were returning that way. She heard him mutter something and quickly turn the key in the lock. Then he seemed to run toward the window, and for some reason to recoil from it.

The next instant she realized that he was coming toward the mantel room, that he intended to hide in it. There was no doubt in her mind as to his identity. It was the Bat, and in a moment more he would be shut in there with her.

She tried to scream and could not, and the next instant she was in a dead faint on the floor.

Bailey meanwhile had crawled out on the roof and was carefully searching it. But other things were happening also. A disinterested observer could have seen very soon why the Bat had abandoned the window as a means of egress.

Almost before the mantel had swung to behind the arch-criminal, the top of a tall pruning ladder had appeared at the window, and by its quivering showed that some one was climbing up, rung by rung. Unsuspiciously enough he came on, pausing at the top to flash a light into the room, and then cautiously swinging a leg over the sill. It was the doctor. He gave a low whistle, but there was no reply, save that, had he seen it, the mantel swung out an inch or two. Perhaps he was never so near death as at that moment, but that instant of irresolution on his part saved him, for by coming into the room he had taken himself out of range.

Even then he was very close to destruction, for after a brief pause and a second rather puzzled survey of the room, he started toward the mantel itself. Only the rattle of the doorknob stopped him, and a call from outside.

"Dale!" Called Bailey's Voice From the Corridor.

"Dale!" called Bailey's voice from the corridor. "Dale!"

"Dale! Dale! The door's locked!" cried Miss Cornelia.

The doctor hesitated. The call came again.

"Dale! Dale!" and Bailey pounded on the door as if he meant to break it down.

The doctor made up his mind.

"Wait a moment!" he called. He stepped to the door and unlocked it. Bailey hurled himself into the room, followed by Miss Cornelia with her candle. Lizzie stood in the doorway, timidly, ready to leap for safety at a moment's notice.

"Why did you lock that door?" said Bailey, angrily, threatening the doctor.

"But I didn't," said the latter, truthfully enough. Bailey made a movement of irritation. Then a glance about the room informed him of the amazing, the incredible fact. Dale was not there! She had disappeared!

"You—you," he stammered at the doctor. "Where's Miss Ogden? What have you done with her?"

The doctor was equally baffled.

"Done with her?" he said indignantly. "I don't know what you're talking about—I haven't seen her!"

"Then you didn't lock that door?" Bailey menaced him.

The doctor's denial was firm.

"Absolutely not. I was coming through the window when I heard your voice at the door!"

Bailey's eyes leapt to the window—yes—a ladder was there—the doctor might be speaking the truth after all. But if so, how and why had Dale disappeared?

The doctor's admission of his manner of entrance did not make Lizzie any the happier.

"In at the window—just like a bat!" she muttered in shaking tones. She would not have stayed in the doorway if she had not been afraid to move anywhere else.

"I saw lights up here from outside," continued the doctor easily. "And I thought—"

Miss Cornelia interrupted him. She had laid down her candle and revolver on the top of the clothes hamper and now stood gazing at the mantel fireplace.

"The mantel's—closed!" she said.

The doctor stared. So the secret of the hidden room was a secret no longer. He saw ruin gaping before him—a bottomless abyss. "Damnation!" he cursed, impotently, under his breath.

Bailey turned on him savagely.

"Did you shut that mantel?"

"No!"

"I'll see whether you shut it or not!" Bailey leapt toward the fireplace "Dale! Dale!" he called desperately leaning against the mantel. His fingers groped for the knob that worked the mechanism of the hidden entrance.

The doctor picked up the single lighted candle from the hamper, as if to throw more light on Bailey's task. Bailey's fingers found the knob. He turned it. The mantel began to swing out into the room.

As it did so the doctor deliberately snuffed out the light of the candle he held, leaving the room in abrupt and obliterating darkness.

"Doctor, why did you put out that candle?"

Miss Cornelia's voice cut the blackness like a knife.

"I didn't—I—"

"You did—I saw you do it."

The brief exchange of accusation and denial took but an instant of time, as the mantel swung wide open. The next instant there was a rush of feet across the floor, from the fireplace—the shock of a collision between two bodies—the sound of a heavy fall.

"What was that?" queried Bailey, dazedly, with a feeling as if some great winged creature had brushed at him and passed.

Lizzie answered from the doorway.

"Oh, oh!" she groaned, in stricken accents. "Somebody knocked me down and trampled on me!"

"Matches, quick!" commanded Miss Cornelia. "Where's the candle?"

The doctor was still trying to explain his curious action of a moment before.

"Awfully sorry, I assure you—it dropped out of the holder—ah, here it is!"

He held it up triumphantly. Bailey struck a match and lighted it. The wavering little flame showed Lizzie prostrate but vocal, in the doorway—and Dale, lying on the floor of the hidden room, her eyes shut, and her face as drained of color as the face of a marble statue. For one horrible instant Bailey thought she must be dead.

He rushed to her wildly and picked her up in his arms. No—still breathing—thank God! He carried her tenderly to the only chair in the room.

"Doctor!"

The doctor, once more the physician, knelt at her side, and felt for her pulse. And Lizzie, picking herself up from where the collision with some violent body had thrown her, retrieved the smelling salts from the floor. It was onto this picture, the candle light shining on strained faces, the dramatic figure of Dale, now semi-conscious, the desperate rage of Bailey, that a new actor appeared on the scene.

Anderson, the detective, stood in the doorway, holding a candle—as grim and menacing a figure as a man just arisen from the dead.

"That't right!" said Lizzie, unappalled for once. "Come in when everything's over!"

The doctor glanced up and met the detective's eyes, cold and menacing.

"You took my revolver from me, downstairs," he said. "I'll trouble you for it."

The doctor got heavily to his feet. The others, their suspicions confirmed at last, looked at him with startled eyes. The detective seemed to enjoy the universal confusion his words had brought.

Slowly, with sullen reluctance, the doctor yielded up the stolen weapon. The detective examined it casually and replaced it in his hip pocket.

"I've something to settle with you pretty soon," he said through clenched teeth, addressing the doctor. "And I'll settle it properly. Now—what's this?"

He indicated Dale—her face still and waxen—her breath coming so faintly she seemed hardly to breathe at all, as Miss Cornelia and Bailey tried to revive her.

"She's coming to—" said Miss Cornelia, triumphantly, as a first faint flush of color reappeared in the girl's cheeks. "We found her shut in there, Mr. Anderson," the spinster added, pointing toward the gaping entrance of the hidden room.

A gleam crossed the detective's face. He went up to examine the secret chamber. As he did so, Doctor Wells, who had been inching surreptitiously toward the door, sought the opportunity of slipping out unobserved.

But Anderson was not to be caught napping again.

"Wells!" he barked. The doctor stopped and turned.

"Where were you when she was locked in this room?"

The doctor's eyes sought the floor—the walls—wildly—for any possible loophole of escape.

"I didn't shut her in—if that's what you mean!" he said defiantly. "There was some one shut in there with her!" He gestured at the hidden room. "Ask these people here."

Miss Cornelia caught him up at once.

"The fact remains, Doctor," she said, her voice cold with anger, "that we left her here alone. When we came back, you were here. The corridor door was locked, and she was in that room—unconscious!"

She moved forward to throw the light of her candle on the hidden room as the detective passed into it, gave it a swift professional glance, and stepped out again. But she had not finishel her story by any means.

"As we opened that door," she continued to the detective, tapping the false mantel, "the doctor deliberately extinguished our only candle!"

"Do you know who was in that room?" queried the detective, fiercely wheeling on the doctor.

But the latter had evidently made up his mind to cling stubbornly to a policy of complete denial.

"No," he said sullenly. "I didn't put out the candle. It fell. And I

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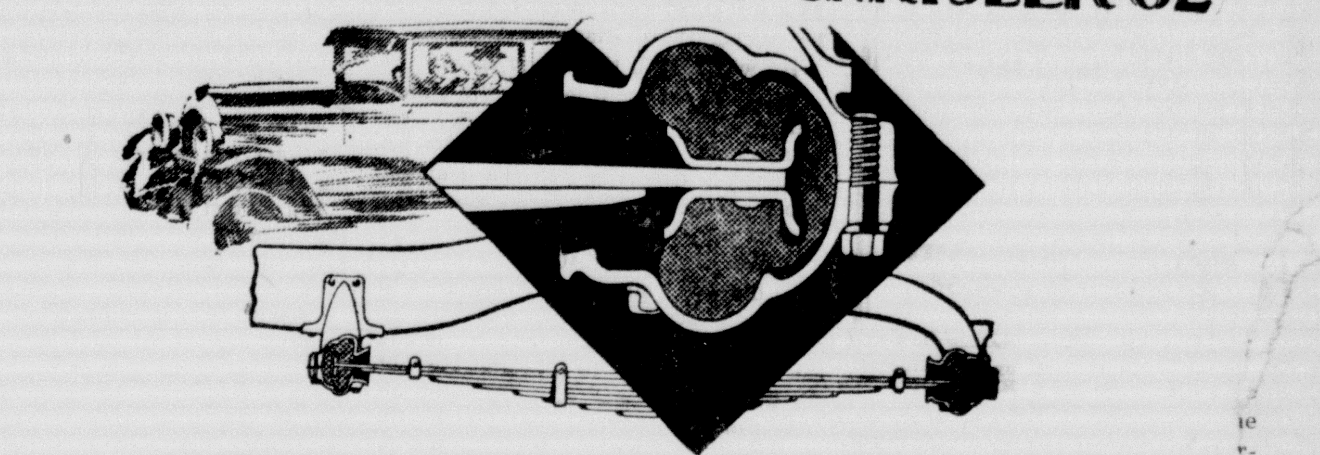

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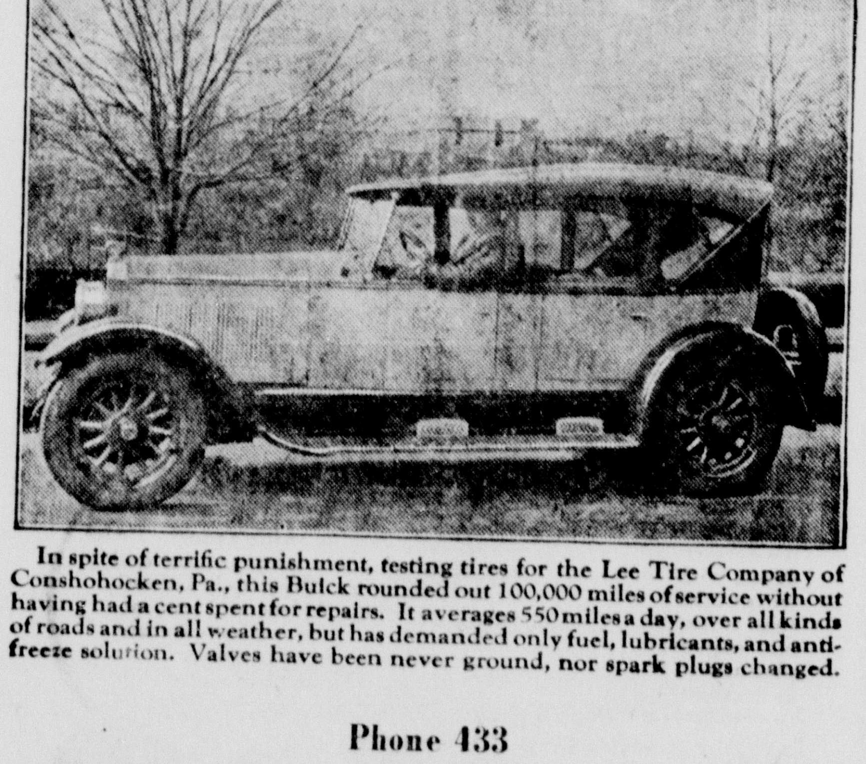

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By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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...'t lock that door into the hall. I ...d it locked!"

...sigh of relief from Bailey now ...tered everyone's attention on him... and Dale. At last the girl was ...overing from the shock of her ter...ble experience and regaining con...iousness. Her eyelids fluttered—...osed again—opened once more. She tried to sit up, weakly, clinging to Bailey's shoulder. The color returned to her cheeks—the stupor left her eyes. She gave the hidden room a hunted little glance and then shuddered violently.

"Please close that awful door," she said in a tremulous voice. "I don't want to see it again."

The detective went silently to close the iron doors.

"What happened to you? Can't you remember?" faltered Bailey, on his knees at her side.

The shadow of an old terror lay on the girl's face.

"I was in here alone, in the dark," she began slowly—"Then, as I looked at the doorway there, I saw there was somebody there. He came in and closed the door. I didn't know what to do, so I slipped in—there, and after a while I knew he was coming in, too, for he couldn't get out. Then I must have fainted."

"There was nothing about the figure that you recognized?"

"No. Nothing."

"But we know it was the Bat," put in Miss Cornelia.

The detective laughed sardonically. The old duel of opposing theories between the two seemed about to recommence.

"Still harping on the Bat!" he said, with a little sneer.

Miss Cornelia stuck to her guns.

"I have every reason to believe that the Bat is in this house," she said.

The detective gave another jarring, mirthless laugh.

"And that he took the Union bank money out of that safe, I suppose?" he jeered. "No, Miss Van Gorder."

He wheeled on the doctor now.

"Ask the doctor who took the Union bank money out of that safe!" he thundered. "Ask the doctor who attacked me downstairs in the drawing room, knocked me senseless and locked me in the billiard room!"

There was an astounded silence. The detective added a parting shot to his indictment of the doctor.

"The next time you put handcuffs on a man, be sure to take the key out of his vest pocket," he said biting off the words.

Rage and consternation mingled on the doctor's countenance—on the faces of the others astonishment was followed by a growing certainty. Only Miss Cornelia clung stubbornly to her original theory.

"Perhaps I'm an obstinate old woman," she said, in tones which obviously showed that if so she was rather proud of it, "but the doctor and all the rest of us were locked in the living room, not ten minutes ago!"

"By the Bat, I suppose!" mocked Anderson.

"By the Bat!" insisted Miss Cornelia inflexibly. "Who else would have fastened a dead bat to the door downstairs? Who else would have the bravado to do that? Or what you call the imagination?"

In spite of himself Anderson seemed to be impressed.

"The Bat, eh?" he muttered, then, changing his tone, "you knew about this hidden room, Wells?" he shot at the doctor.

"Yes." The doctor bowed his head.

"And you knew the money was in the room?"

"Well, I was wrong, wasn't I?" parried the doctor. "You can look for yourself. That safe is empty."

The detective brushed his evasive answer aside.

"You were up in this room, earlier tonight," he said in tones of apparent certainty.

"No, I couldn't get up!" the doctor still insisted, with strange violence for a man who had already admitted such damning knowledge.

The detective's face was a study in disbelief.

"You know where that money is Wells, and I'm going to find it!"

This last taunt seemed to goad the doctor beyond endurance.

"Good God!" he shouted recklessly "Do you suppose if I knew where it is, I'd be here? I've had plenty of chances to get away! No, you can't pin anything on me, Anderson! It isn't criminal to have known that room is here."

"Oh, don't be so d—d virtuous!" said the detective brutally. "Maybe you haven't been upstairs—but, unless I miss my guess, you know who was!"

The doctor's face changed a little.

"What about Richard Fleming?" persisted the detective, scornfully.

The doctor drew himself up.

"I never killed him!" he said, so impressively that even Bailey's faith in his guilt was shaken. "I don't even own a revolver!"

The detective alone maintained his attitude unchanged.

"You come with me, Wells," he ordered, with a jerk of his thumb toward the door. "This time I'll do the locking up."

The doctor, head bowed, prepared to obey. The detective took up a candle to light their path. Then he turned to the others for a moment.

"Better get the young lady to bed," he said, with a gruff kindliness of manner. "I think that I can promise you a quiet night from now on."

"I'm glad you think so, Mr. Anderson!" Miss Cornelia insisted on the last word. The detective ignored the satiric twist of her speech, motioned the doctor out ahead of him, and followed. The faint glow of his candle flickered a moment and vanished toward the stairs.

It was Bailey who broke the silence.

"I can believe a good bit about Wells," he said, "but not that he stood on that staircase and killed Dick Fleming."

Miss Cornelia roused from deep thought.

"Of course not," she said briskly. "Go down and fix Miss Dale's bed, Lizzie. And then bring up some of that elderberry wine."

"Down there, where the Bat is?" Lizzie demanded.

"The Bat has gone."

"Don't you believe it. He's just got his hand in!"

But at last Lizzie went, and, closing the door behind her, Miss Cornelia proceeded more or less to think out loud.

"Suppose," she said, "that the Bat, or whoever it was shut in there with you, killed Richard Fleming. Say that he is the one Lizzie saw coming in by the terrace door. Then he knew where the money was, for he went directly up the stairs. But that is two hours ago or more. Why didn't he get the money, if it was here, and get away?"

"He may have had trouble with the combination."

"Perhaps. Anyhow, he was on the small staircase when Dick Fleming started up, and of course he shot him. That's clear enough. Then he finally

"How on Earth Did He Get Out on the Roof?"

got the safe open, after locking us in below, and my coming up interrupted him. How on earth did he get out on the roof?"

Bailey glanced out the window.

"It would be possible from here. Possible, but not easy."

"But, if he could do that," she persisted, "he could have got away, too. There are trellises and porches. Instead of that he came back here, to this room." She stared at the window. "Could a man have done that with one hand?"

"Never in the world."

Saying nothing, but deeply thoughtful, Miss Cornelia made a fresh progress around the room.

"I know very little about bank currency," she said, finally. "Could such a sum as was looted from the Union bank be carried away in a man's pocket?"

Bailey considered the question.

"Even in bills of large denomination—it would make a pretty sizable bundle," he said.

But that Miss Cornelia's deductions were correct, whatever they were, was in question when Lizzie returned with the elderberry wine. Apparently Miss Cornelia was to be like the man who repaired the clock: she still had certain things left over.

For Lizzie announced that the Unknown was ranging the second floor hall. From the time they had escaped from the living room this man had not been seen or thought of, but that he was a part of the mystery there could be no doubt. It flashed over Miss Cornelia that, although he could not possibly have locked them in, in the darkness that followed he could easily have fastened the bat to the door. For the first time it occurred to her that the arch-criminal might not be working alone, and that the entrance of the Unknown might have been a carefully devised ruse to draw them all together and hold them there.

Nor was Beresford's arrival with the statement that the Unknown was moving through the house below particularly comforting.

"He may be dazed, or he may not," he said. "Personally, this is not a time to trust anybody."

Beresford knew nothing of what had just occurred, and now seeing Bailey he favored him with an ugly glance.

"In the absence of Anderson, Bailey," he added. "I don't propose to trust you too far. I'm making it my business from now on to see that you don't try to get away. Get that?"

But Bailey heard him without particular resentment.

"All right," he said. "But I'll tell you this. Anderson is here and has arrested the doctor. Keep your eye on me, if you think it's your duty, but don't talk to me as if I were a criminal. You don't know that yet."

"The doctor!" Beresford gasped.

But Miss Cornelia's keen ears had heard a sound outside, and her eyes were focused on the door.

"That door-knob is moving," she said, in a hushed voice.

Beresford moved to the door and jerked it violently open.

The butler, Billy, almost pitched into the room.

CHAPTER XI

The Bat Still Flies.

He stepped back in the doorway, looked out, then turned to them again.

"I come in, please?" he said pathetically, his hands quivering. "I not like to stay in dark."

Miss Cornelia took pity on him.

"Come in, Billy, of course. What is it? Anything the matter?"

Billy glanced about nervously.

"Man with sore head."

"What about him?"

"Act very strange." Again Billy's slim hands trembled.

Beresford broke in. "The man who fell into the room downstairs?"

Billy nodded.

"Yes. On second floor, walking around."

Beresford smiled, a bit smugly.

"I told you!" he said to Miss Cornelia. "I didn't think he was as dazed as he pretended to be."

Miss Cornelia, too, had been pondering the problem of the Unknown. She reached a swift decision. If he were what he pretended to be—a dazed wanderer—he could do them no harm. If he were not—a little strategy properly employed might unravel the whole mystery.

"Bring him up here, Billy," she said, turning to the butler.

Billy started to obey. But the darkness of the corridor seemed to appall him anew, the moment he took a step toward it.

"You give candle, please?" he asked, with a pleading expression. "Don't like dark."

Miss Cornelia handed him one of the two precious candles. Then his present terror reminded her of that one other occasion when she had seen him lose completely his stoic oriental calm.

"Billy," she queried, "what did you see when you came running down the stairs before we were locked in, down below?"

But Billy only backed toward the door, smiling apologetically.

"Thought I saw ghost," he said, and went out and down the stairs, the candle-light flickering, growing fainter and finally disappearing. Silence and eerie darkness enveloped them all as they waited. And suddenly out of the blackness came a sound.

Something was flapping and thumping around the room.

"That's d—d odd!" muttered Beresford uneasily. "There is something moving around the room."

The next instant Bailey gave a triumphant cry.

"I've got it! It's a bat!"

Lizzie sank to her knees, still moaning, and Bailey carried the cause of the trouble over to the window and threw it out.

But the result of the absurd incident was a further destruction of their morale. Even Beresford, so far calm with the quiet of the virtuous onlooker, was now pallid in the light of the matches they successively lighted. And onto this strained situation came at last Billy and the Unknown.

The Unknown still wore his air of dazed bewilderment, true or feigned, but at least he was now able to walk without support.

"Come in," began Miss Cornelia. "Sit down." He obeyed both commands docilely enough.

"Are you better now?"

"Somewhat." His words still came very slowly.

Bailey watched Billy, suspicion in his eyes. He could not account for the butler's inexplicable terror of being left alone.

"Anderson intimated that the doctor had an accomplice in this house," he said, now, crossing to Billy and taking him by the arm. "Why isn't this the man?" Billy cringed away. "Please, no," he begged pitifully.

Bailey remained unconvinced.

"Who did you see at the head of the small staircase?" he queried, imperatively. "Now we're through with nonsense—I want the truth!"

Billy shivered.

"See face—that's all," he brought out at last.

"Whose face?"

Again it was evident that Billy knew or thought he knew more than he was willing to tell.

"Don't know," he said, with obvious untruth, looking down at the floor.

"Never mind, Billy," cut in Miss Cornelia. To her mind questioning Billy was wasting time. She looked at the Unknown.

"Solve the mystery of this man and we may get at the facts," she said in accents of conviction.

Beresford raised the candle so that it cast its light full in the Unknown's face.

"This chap claims to have lost his memory," he said dubiously. "I suppose a blow on the head might do that—I don't know."

"Don't you even know your name?" queried Miss Cornelia of the Unknown.

The Unknown shook his head with a slow, laborious gesture.

"Not—yet."

"Or where you came from?"

Once more the battered head made its movement of negation.

"Do you remember how you got in this house?"

The Unknown made an effort.

"Yes—I — remember — that — all—right—" he said, apparently undergoing an enormous strain in order to make himself speak at all. He put his hand to his head.

Miss Cornelia was at a loss. If this were acting, it was at least fine acting.

"How did you happen to come to this house?" she persisted, her voice unconsciously tuning itself to the slow, laborious speech of the Unknown.

"Saw—the—lights."

Bailey broke in with a question.

"Where were you when you saw the lights?"

The Unknown wet his lips with his tongue, painfully.

"I—broke—out—of—the — garage," he said at length.

This was unexpected. A general movement of interest ran over the party.

"How did you get there?" Beresford took his turn as questioner.

The Unknown shook his head, so slowly and deliberately that Miss Cornelia's fingers itched to shake him, in spite of his injuries.

"I—don't—know."

"Did you ring the house phone?" insisted Miss Cornelia.

The Unknown nodded.

"Yes."

Miss Cornelia and Bailey gave each other a look of wonderment.

"I—leaned against—the button—in the garage—" he went on. "Then—I think—maybe I—fainted. That's—not clear."

Dale rose, and came over to him, with a sympathetic movement of her hand.

"You don't remember how you were hurt?" she asked gently.

The Unknown stared ahead of him, his eyes filming, as if he were trying to puzzle it out.

"No," he said at last. "The first thing I remember—I was in the garage—tied." He moved his lips. "I was—gagged—too—that's—what's the matter—with my tongue—now— Then—I got myself—free—and—got out—of a window—"

Miss Cornelia made a movement to question him further. Beresford stopped her with his hand uplifted.

"Just a moment, Miss Van Gorder. Anderson ought to know of this."

He started for the door without perceiving the flash of keen intelligence and alertness that had lit the Unknown's countenance for an instant, as once before, at the mention of the detective's name. But just as he reached the door the detective entered.

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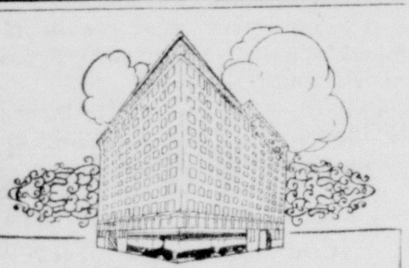

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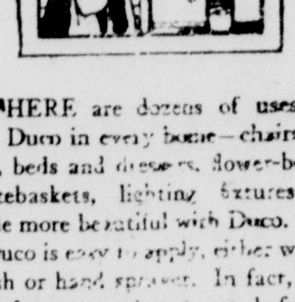

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A committee consisting of one representative from each of the eight Southeast Missouri counties seeking a reduction in land valuations for tax purposes will meet here probably this week to present their respective views and agree on a plan before going to Jefferson City to appear before the State Board of Equalization where a hearing for a further reduction will be held.

The meeting will be called by County Judge J. W. Heeb of Scott County who acted as chairman at the meeting of County Boards of Equalization and landowners in the Chamber of Commerce rooms here Thursday, C. M. Barnes of Marston acting as secretary. The committee will prob[illegible] go to Jefferson City in an- fore the [illegible]k.

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valuation of the lands of that County.

Judge J. A. Kinder said that he held out the hope that the movement may result in some good. In union there is strength.

Judge Robards of Dunklin County stated that they did obtain a fifteen per cent reduction, but that they had reached the limit of reduction as any further reduction would render the County unable to raise sufficient funds to pay operating expenses of the County and schools.

Judge Ed Allen of Dunklin County endorsed Judge Robards' statement.

Judge T. R. Cole of Pemiscot County acknowledged the inability of the County Court of Pemiscot County to present an adequate solution of their difficulties. Was of the opinion that the problem could not be solved by reduction of values, Pemiscot County lands are at a minimum of value. The unimproved lands bear only a speculative value, he said.

George Bean, Assessor of Scott County, called, stated that he had cut the Scott County assessment 20 per cent, just as he had done in previous years only to have the rate restored by the State Board of Equalization.

Much interest was aroused at the meeting here last week. More than sixty men attended during the session, which lasted practically all day. Six of the eight counties interested were represented either by their County Courts or an authorized representative. Representatives from Scott, Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, Mississippi, Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties attended and the other two, Butler and Stoddard will probably send men here for the meeting this week.

It was pointed out that in Dunklin County, where there is a township organization, 75 per cent of the taxes were collected but that in some of the townships only 50 to 60 per cent was collected while in the south end of the county 80 per cent was collected. In other counties:

Cape County 90 per cent.

Pemiscot County a little over 75 per cent to 80 per cent.

Mississippi County about 80 per cent. A considerable portion coming from loan corporations. One corporation paying 16 per cent.

E. J. Deal of Cape Girardeau (Southeast Missouri Trust Co.), recommended more economy in our public expenditures.

Judge C. A. Vandervort of Cape County advised more local economy.

Judge T. L. Tinsley gave an economy talk. He said that cut-over lands have a pasture value. All values of land to be put upon a production basis. Pemiscot County average about $50 per acre. New Madrid County has been allowed a reduction of 20 per cent in the valuation of real estate, he said.

Julian Friant suggested that the State release their claim for State tax on land, but obtain their revenue from excess and other indirect taxes.

Otto Kochtitzky suggested a classification of our farm lands for taxation purposes.

After lunch, 2 p. m.—W. H. Stubblefield suggested legislation by State to refiance the drainage bond issue.

Senator T. R. R. Ely of Dunklin County was interested in the high water situation.

Other speakers included G. B. Greer, who predicted a complete collapse of the financial structure unless local economy is practiced, Mr. Stewart of Charleston and Mr. Dean of Memphis.

An important resolution passed at the meeting follows:

"Whereas there is now no uniformity in the assessed values of lands in the several counties of Southeast Missouri and,

"Whereas valuations on lands in Southeast Misosuri are higher than on similar lands in other counties in the State and,

"Whereas on account of heavy local assessment for drainage districts which will continue for many years to come and bond issues for good roads, school, levees, etc., and because of the large percentage of land in this section not yet in cultivation and because floods and bad crops have greatly reduced the income from said land,

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved by this assembly composed of numerous land owners in this section that we ask the county courts of Southeast Missouri to classify the various types of land in their respective counties on a uniform basis and,

"Be it further resolved that we ask them to co-operate and to make a joint appeal to the State Board of Equalization to lower the values on Southeast Missouri farm lands to a figure on which their owners will be able to pay their taxes".

E. J. DEAL
JOE MOORE
JULIAN FRIANT
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The meeting also made the following endorsement through a resolution:

"Whereas the business men commission on agriculture representing the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Industrial Conference Board of which the Hon. Charles Nagle of St. Louis, is chairman and which is composed of some of the ablest and most conservative businesses of the country, after year's study of agricultural conditions recommended among other things that the States forego the levying of all direct taxes on real estate for State purposes and leave htat source of revenue purely for local needs.

"Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Boards of Equalization of various counties of Southeast Missouri section at a meeting in Sikeston, Mis- and numerous landowners in this souri this 12th day of April, 1928 endorsed that suggestoin and recommend that our county representative and senator introduce and support such legislation in the next session of our State legislature".

JULIAN FRIANT.

Motion carried that it be the sense of this meeting that a commission consisting of representatives from each county interested, be called to meet with the State Board of Equalization at a date to be arranged and to present to the State Board of Equalization the claims of their respective counties for a reduction of land vlauation for tax purposes. The meeting of this commission to be called by the Chairman of the County Court of Scott County.

Motion was made and carried that a meeting of the proposed commission be called to meet at Sikeston at some date prior to the meeting with the State Board of Equalization for the purpose of discussing and arguing upon the claims to be presented to the State Board. This meeting to be called by the chairman of County Court of Scott County.

Roll of County officials present:

Cape County—Judge J. A. Kinder.

Butler County—none.

Scott County—Judges Geo. Buchanan, Anton LeGrand, J. W. Heeb; Assessor George Bean.

Dunklin—Judges C. H. Robards, Ed Allen, J. A. C. Fisher.

Pemiscot County—T. R. Cole, J. A. Franklin, J. H. Henderson, W. D. O'Connor, Assessor W. R. Holland.

Mississippi County—Assessor Oscar Wise, Joe Moore, Republican County Court.

Stoddard—none.

New Madrid County—T. L. Tinsley, C. F. Muntemeyer, R. W. Baskin, F. L. Steele, Surveyor; C. A. Goolsby. Assessor.

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8:00—Sermon, Rom. 16:25, "According to My Gospel and the Preaching of Jesus Christ", by Rev. S. P. Brite.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30—Praise and Prayer, led by Floyd Rolf.

10:00—General Topic: "Stewards of the Manifold Grace of God". The Stewardship of Life by B. F. Davidson.

10:30—The Stewardship of Possessions by E. D. Owen.

11:00—Our Debt to All Men. Rom. 1:14, 15 by S. C. Howard.

11:30—Sermon by Evangelist W. F. Frazier.

Adjournment for Lunch.

1:30—Devotional led by W. L. Cochran.

2:00—"The Priesthood of All Believers"— The Sacrifice of Praise and Doing Good. Heb. 13:15, 16 by C. W. Holmes.

2:30—Intercessory Prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1-3. 1 Pet. 2:5 by G. A. Crocker.

3:00—General Discussion. Adjournment.

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Malone Theatre

TUESDAY

Barthelmess offers five dollars for a horse. his life for his country.

For almost two decades now "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" has been one of the outstanding novels of the twentieth century. John Fox, Jr., initiated a new field of literature with his Kentucky mountain atmosphere. Under the direction of Alfred A. Santell, Richard Barthelmess makes another memorable "Tol'able David" character of Chad, the mountain orphan who is taken up by the blue blooded Major Buford in the city. The Civil War episodes are touched upon only briefly, to show the parting between Chad and the Major and to bring a swirling climax of rain and fighting as Melissa risks her life to warn Chad of the approaching guerillas. Sweeping action and moving sentimental appeal are the features that make "The Little Shephperd of Kingdom Come" an unusually fine audience picture. Supporting the star's splendid performance is a large cast of names: Molly O'Day, Claude Gillingwater, David Torrence, Eulalie Jensen, Doris Dawson, Walter Rogers, Martha Mattox, Victor Potel, Walter Lewis, Gustav von Seyffertitz, Gardner James and Ralph Yearsley, to mention a few. The star of "The Patent Leather Kid" back in a "Tol'able David" character and atmopshere, with the name of John Fox, Jr., as author.

NEWS and COMEDY
Admission 15c and 35c

WEDNESDAY

"Dressed To Kill"
With
EDMUND LOWE & MARY ASTOR
NEWS and COMEDY
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THURSDAY

MARION DAVIES in
"The Patsy"

You'll like this Leap Year picture! If you were the little "patsy" of the family—with your good-looking sister getting all the breaks and all the fellows—what would you do about it? Marion Davies surprises even herself by the way she grabs Cupid by the forelock. There are a thousand Davies' laughs in this lively Leap Year picture.

MARIE DRESSLER and LAWRENCE GRAY
CARTOON and COMEDY
Admission 10c and 25c

FRIDAY
Afternoon and Evening

A platter piled high with hors-d'oevures of humor! A wealthy young beauty falls for a handsome head waiter. Laughs are lavished until the final fadeout when Adolphe reports the situation "well in hand!"

PATHE REVIEW & COMEDY

Bargain Matinee Every Friday at 3 p. m. Admission 10c & 25c
Nite 7:00 p. m. 15c and 35c

MISSOURI FELT WORST EARTHQUAKE IN HISTORY

The greatest earthquake recorded in United States History occurred near New Madrid, December 16, 1811. Had New Madrid been a city like Charleston and San Francisco, the earthquake there would have been the best known and the most terrible in this country.

"Geologists", says E. B. Branson, professor of geology of the University, "are not agreed as to the causes of some of the disturbances which cause volcanoes and earthquakes. The center of the earth is not molten, as is the popular belief, but is a rigid as steel. The intense pressure of thousands of tons per square inch prevents it from melting. However, much subsurface rock is molten, due to pressure which brings about chemical and physical readjustments. Explosions and heating of sub-surface rock cause it to push upward forming mountains or breaks in the earth".

The country affected by the New Madrid earthquake extended from the mouth of the Ohio to the St. Francis River, a front of more than three hundrde miles. In this territory the effects were so great that they were still visible a half century later.

The earthquake started at about 2 o'clock in the morning, and by daylight twenty-seven shocks had occurred. The earth was in continual agitation, visibly waving as a gentle sea until February 4, and on February 7 there was one more violent than any which had preceded. This was so severe as far away as St. Louis that fowls fell from the trees and crockery fell from shelves.

Some of the shocks were horizontal and some were perpendicular. The later ones were attended with explosions, terrifying noises, and engulfing waters.

The noise was described as "inconceivably loud and terrific"; a noise accompanied by crashing of trees, a tottering and shaking of the earth so that persons could not stand or walk. Other accounts say that these noises and the bursting of the ground not only frightened the people, but in one case so badly as to cause the death of a woman.

Cattle, too, crowded around the assembled men for companionship and protection.

Accompanying the noise. the whole land moved and swayed like waves of the sea. In some places, violently enough to throw people off their feet. The waves attained a height of several feet, and, at the highest point burst, throwing up large voluumes of sand and water, and in some cases a black bituminous shale. These were thrown to a considerable height, often to the tops of the trees.

There were flashes with the explosions and the bursting of the ground which made the water unfit for use, and which darkened the heavens, giving some of the impression of its being steam, with such density that no sunbeam could find its way thru. In cases where the explosion occurred under trees, it split them through the center, even to a height of forty feet.

One family in New Madrid had obtained a boat load of iron castings which had been stored in a cellar. During one of the shocks, the ground opened under the house, and the castings were swallowed up so that no trace of them was found afterwards.

One observer found parts of the country covered with trees standing, but dead; many of them 200 years old, were evidently killed by the loosening of the roots during the horizontal and continued undulatory motion of the ground. At Little Prairie these dead trees were found standing in water.

Before the earthquake keel boats came up the St. Francis River, and again into the Mississippi River three miles below New Madrid, but this bayou was elevated so that it was dry. The most notable of the new lakes formed by the earthquake was Reel Foot Lake across the river in Tennessee. This is from sixty to seventy miles long, and from three to twenty miles wide. Lofty forest trees sank down with the forming of the lake.

All accounts agree that for a time the waters of the Mississippi "flowed up stream", due to an elevation of the river bed. Many boats were forced into a creek above New Madrid, and when the mass of the waters finally tore away the obstructions, some of the boats were left stranded, and others shot down the river with great velocity. A few days' action of the powerful current was sufficient to wear away every vestige of the barrier.

The persons who experienced the shock theorized as to the cause. One man near Lower Chickasaw Bluffs said, "The earthquake was caused by a comet, which had occurred a few months before, which had two horns, over one of which the earth had rolled, and had lodged between them. The shocks were occasioned by the attempts to surmount the other horn. In this should be accomplished, all would be well; otherwise inevitable destruction of the world would follow".

The most satisfactory explanation of the earthquake was given by Professor E. M. Shepard of Drury College, Springfield, Mo., who visited the region while in the employ of the United States Geological Survey. He shows that in the geology of that part of the country that the Mississippi Valley forms a strong artesian basin from the Tennessee Mountains to the Ozarks. His conclusion is that whatever may have been the primary cause of the earthquake, the local disturbance at New Madrid came from the artesian pressure from below, undermining the superincumbent beds of clay, and that a slight earthquake wave would destroy the equilibrium of the region, resulting in the sinking of some areas and the elevation of others.

A severe earthquake occurred in St. Louis in October, 1857. Windows ratled, articles fell from mantles, the largest buildings were rocked to and fro, the river was in tumult, and animals were frightened. There was a great rumbling like the passage of heavy vehicles over pavements, houses with walls even eighteen inches thick were violently affected, as the motion was horizontal with a vibration from east to west.

The earthquake of 1895 was said to be the hardest shock since that of 1812. It was felt in seventeen states. Near Henson Lake, six miles south of Charleston, Mo., about four acres of ground were sunk and filled with water, thus forming a lake. Near Bertrand hundreds of mounds of sand were piled up, ranging from twelve inches to ten feet in circumference, and the ditches in this neighborhood were filled with water.

CHARTER NO. 2056

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Bank of Sikeston at Sikeston State of Missouri, at close of business on the 12th day of April, 1928, published in The Sikeston Standard, a newspaper and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 17th day of April, 1928.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS		
Loans and discounts on personal and collateral security	$541,035.28	
Loans on real estate security	26,365.82	
Total loans		$567,401.10
OVERDRAFTS, unsecured $41.39		41.39
BONDS		
United States Government securities owned (including premiums, if any)	$360,718.75	
State, County, municipal and other interest-bearing obligations of political subdivisions	7,000.00	
Foreign governments (including foreign municipalities)	19,075.00	
Railroad and public service	43,200.00	
All other bonds	78,168.75	
Total bonds		508,162.50
Furniture and fixtures $1,256.98		1,256.98
Total cash and due from banks and bankers		449,010.93
Items in transit		6,193.69
Other resources customers Liberty Bonds		96,450.00
Total		$1,628,516.59

LIABILTIES

Capital stock paid in		$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund		100,000.00
Undivided profith	$14,447.94	
Less current expenses and taxes paid	10,910.77	3,537.17
Cashier's checks outstanding		71.50
DEMAND DEPOSITS		
Individual deposits subject to check	$971,927.01	
Due to banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check	3,073.61	
Total demand depopsits		975,000.62
TIME DEPOSITS		
Certificats of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	$274,947.72	
Savings deposits requiring withdrawal notice of 30 days or more	78,509.58	
Total time deposits		353,457.30
Other liabilities Customers Liberty Bonds		96,450.00
Total		1,628,516.59

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF SCOTT, SS:

We, Chas. D. Matthews, Jr., as president, and A. J. Moore as Assistant Cashies of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear tnat the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHAS. D. MATTHEWS, Jr., President.
A. J. MOORE, Ass't. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 20th, 1932.)

Lacy E. Allard, Notary Public.

(SEAL)

Correct-Attest:
E. C. MATTHEWS
JOS. L. MATTHEWS
BETTIE MATTHEWS
Directors.

RUSSELL-BRADLEY CIRCLE HOLDS MEETING FRIDAY

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society met Friday, April 13, with Mrs. Ben Welter. There were about 30 members present with one new member, Mrs. Barney Forrester. The feature of the evening was the grab bag.

The packages contained everything from powder puffs and macaroni.

The Society voted to join the Ebert-Kready Circle in selling cedarclene, a preparation with which to clean rugs, window shades, woodwork, etc. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earl Allen, May 11.

VIRGINIA ALSUP WINS

Virginia Alsup won first place in the Sikeston Mercantile Company's Voting Contest piling up nearly twice as many votes as her nearest competitor to take home the first prize, a player piano. Other winners and their prizes were: Gwendolyn Duncan, kitchen cabinet; Hazel Stroud, silverware; Mrs. Lora Robertson, watch; Marie Saddle, silverware; Alta Hill, watch; Mrs. Dora Slaughter, $10 due bill and Evelyn Hitt, $5 due bill.

NEW MOTOR CO. HERE

The Simpson Motor Company as an associate dealer of the Simpson Motor Company of Charleston have been appointed local dealers for the Oakland and Pontiac cars in this vicinity and will oppen their garage here shortly in the Matthews building on Malone Avenue.

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Miss Rebecca Yoffie of Memphis is visiting her brother, Nathan Yoffie of Sikeston and Mrs. Yoffie.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vanduser of Pine Bluff, Ark., were the guests of Mrs. Sallie Swannagon Sunday.

Herschel Tyre left Saturday for aCpe Girardeau, where he has entered the Cape Girardeau Teachers College.

George Lough, manager of the local Buckner-Ragsdale Store, left Sikeston Friday night on the fall buying trip for men's clothing in New York. While there he will also attend the National Clothier's Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Northerington of Kansas City, Mr. Northerington's brother, Watkins, of Guthrie, Ky., drove down from Kansas City and visited Mrs. Northerington's mother, Mrs. Florence Marshall, Sunday. They left early Monday for Guthrie, Ky., where they will visit.

FOR SALE or EXCHANGE—One hundred and twenty acres Imperial Valley land near Brawley, Calif.—Louise M. Lewis, Hotel Marshall, Sikeston, Mo. 1tpd.

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping with bath at 606 South Kingshighway, phone 403.

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For little daughter's "spring bonnet" why not choose a cunning crochet-straw type? They are styled in such interesting tams and cloches as you see in this picture. For tinier tots bonnets adopt a flare of shirred georgette which frames the face.

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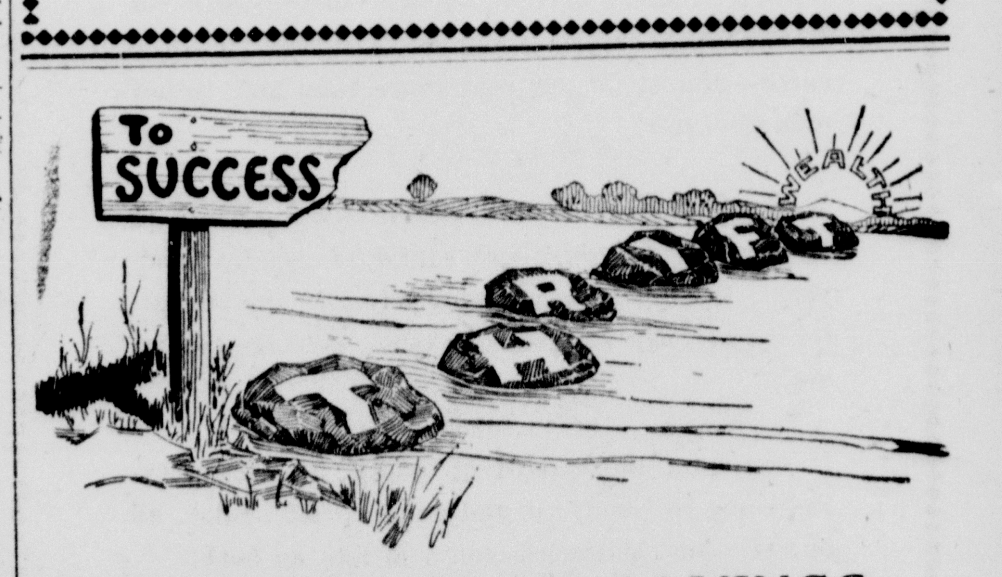

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